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Eden Prairie Mayor of
Eden Prairie

Interview #17
Incumbent & RPAC
Endorsed

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How long have you lived in your community?

43 years

Are you a Homeowner or Renter?

Homeowner

Do you own other real property (e.g. Business, Cabin, Investment, or Rental Property)? If so, which?

Just a contiguous lot to my homestead property

Describe your civic and/or community engagement.

Mayor of Eden Prairie for 4 years, on the Council 22 years prior, Commission work 4 years prior to that, served on numerous committees, task forces, and regional commissions.

What is your fundraising goal? How much have you raised to date?

\$20,000 (\$11,000 raised to date)

Are you accepting PAC contributions?

Yes

Please list any notable supporters or groups of supporters for your campaign

Eden Prairie residents, key developers, business owners etc.

What are the most important housing challenges facing your community?

Affordable housing options, limited space for single-family home new development

The Twin Cities Metro is facing a housing shortage unlike any we have experienced in recent history. What will you do to increase the number of homes available to residents of your community?

Build apartment/condos as they come before the Council, build out our TOD (transit oriented development) areas, incentivize affordable housing options with our inclusionary housing ordinance

Minnesota has one of the largest homeownership gaps between Whites and Blacks, Indigenous, and People of Color. This is one of MAR's primary concerns. What would you propose at the local level to close this home ownership gap?

People need help with down-payments. Accumulated wealth is one of the largest gaps between BIPOC and White families. We should utilize CDBG and private funding to offer targeted down-payment assistance to BIPOC income qualified potential home buyers.

How do you think the city can best balance the rights of tenants and property owners to effectively manage rental housing?

Market forces drive most of the rental/owner issues, but government can incentivize specific desired outcomes. Property owner rights need to be protected, but rental tenants also not only have rights but may need assistance to continue to stay in their home.

What are your views on property tax rates in your community? Do you have concerns related to the city's property tax rate? If so, how would you address those concerns once elected?

Eden Prairie has some of the lowest property tax levy rates in the 7 county metro area (bottom fourth) with a strong 60/40 (residential to commercial) tax base and a 92% resident survey approval rating on "the right amount of taxes for the services they receive." I want to do my best to stay the course.

Please provide links to all social media accounts connected to you or your campaign if any.

roncaseformayor.com

The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS(R) may plan to interview some candidates virtually, would you be willing to participate, if contacted?

Yes