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## Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

### INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Candidate Name: DANENE SHUMAKER

Street address: 9520 MILO RD

City: PLAINWELL State: MI Zip: 49080

Mailing address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

County: BARRY Duration at Current Residence: 5+ YRS

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Campaign committee name: FRIENDS OF DANENE SHUMAKER

Campaign committee address: P.O. BOX 240, PLAINWELL, MI 49080

Current Occupation: SELF / LANDLORD

Candidacy for which office? STATE REPRESENTATIVE Incumbent? NO  
#43

Please list endorsements received to date: TEAMSTERS #406

#### MISSION STATEMENT

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local candidate informational questions

1) Are you currently serving in the MI Legislature? If No, have you ever run for elective office? List any offices you've previously run for and convey the outcome.

NO, I'VE NOT RUN FOR ELECTED OFFICE BEFORE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) What is your background (education, employment, other relevant experience)?

B.A.A. - CENTRAL MICH. UNIV., M.ED - AQUINAS COLLEGE  
ALONG WITH RUNNING GLESSCO CORP AND GLESS CONTRACTING,  
I RAN A SMALL JEWELRY STORE FOR OVER TWO DECADES.  
AUTHOR, VOLUNTEER, FORMER ELECTION OFFICIAL

3) If elected/re-elected, what top concern(s) would you address first?

EDUCATION & JOB TRAINING  
WORKING ECONOMY FOR WORKING CLASS  
PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS & OUR ENVIRONMENT

4) Why should the residential, construction and remodeling community support your candidacy?

I WILL WORK FOR WORKING PEOPLE - LIKE CONTRACTORS. I HAVE  
APARTMENTS, SO I UNDERSTAND HOUSING NEEDS. I WAS CO-  
OWNER OF TWO CONTRACTING BUSINESSES FOR OVER 10  
YEARS

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5) Why should the residential, construction and remodeling community NOT support your opponent's candidacy (if applicable)?

I DON'T FEEL THAT IS UP TO ME TO SAY WHY YOU SHOULDN'T. I WILL SIMPLY SAY I BELIEVE I HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE TO UNDERSTAND MUCH OF WHAT BUSINESSES & BUILDERS FACE IN S.W. MICHIGAN.

6) Today, the home building and remodeling community is confronted with a wide array of complex issues. Within your community, what resource(s) do you look to for advice/counsel?

I OWN MULTIPLE PROPERTIES SO I TRY TO STAY ON TOP OF WHAT IS HAPPENING. I READ AND I UTILIZE MY VAST NETWORK OF TRUSTED PEOPLE.

7) Government regulations, policies, ordinances and codes are trending issues for the residential, construction and remodeling industry. How would you reduce regulations to better support the promotion of additional housing?

I WOULD NEED TO KNOW SPECIFICS IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ADDRESS ANY SITUATION AND WOULD WANT TO KNOW WHICH REGULATIONS WOULD AFFECT YOUR INDUSTRY. I KNOW WE NEED HOUSING & WOULD WORK TO MAKE THAT ENVIRONMENT WORK.

8) What is your philosophy on residential development, impact fees, property taxes, etc.?

I'VE LIVED BOTH RURAL & URBAN AND THE TWO ARE VERY DIFFERENT. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN WAYLAND IS GOING TO LOOK DIFFERENT FROM HOPKINS, SO THAT NEEDS CONSIDERATION. I KNOW PROPERTY TAXES ARE A "NECESSARY EVIL" - I AM FISCALLY QUITE CONSERVATIVE SO I'D LIKE TO LOOK AT UNNECESSARY TAXES & FEES.

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9) If elected/re-elected, what steps would you take to encourage and support new housing development?

I WOULD REMOVE UNNECESSARY ROADBLOCKS FOR DEVELOPERS, TRY TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS TO MOVE QUICKER. I'D ALSO LOVE TO GET SUPPLIES BACK TO WHERE PROFIT MARGINS FOR MORE BUSINESSES LOOKS HEALTHY AGAIN.

10) What is your position on property owners' rights regarding development, redevelopment and remodeling?

I AM ALL FOR PROPERTY OWNER RIGHTS. I BELIEVE IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE, A TOWNSHIP SHOULD HELP AND NOT HINDER THE PROPERTY OWNER WITH THEIR PLANS.

11) How would you define positive housing market growth within the community?

WHEN THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IS NOT DUE PRIMARILY TO A LACK OF OR SHORTAGE OF HOUSINGS.

12) How can the HBA of Western Michigan assist you if elected/re-elected?

WE WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SO WE CAN REACH MORE VOTERS AND TO HAVE YOU LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP KNOW ABOUT OUR PLATFORM.

*The Government Relations Committee appreciates the time you've taken to complete this form. Please know that your participation will help HBA members make an informed decision on election day.*

**Please mail the completed form to the address above, e-mail it to [MeganW@hbawmi.com](mailto:MeganW@hbawmi.com), or fax it to (269) 375-6493.**

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