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Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Candidate Name: Gina Johnson

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Campaign committee name: CTE Gina Johnson GinaForStateRep.com

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Current Occupation: State Rep, District 78

Candidacy for which office? same Incumbent? yes

Please list endorsements received to date: GR Chamber, Right to life, Freedom Funds, BLEP, ABC, many other elected officials at all levels of government.

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HBA of Western Michigan 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.

Yes

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

BA - Wellesley College - Int'l Studies & Economics
Insurance Agent, previous financial services & banking, health care business - pharmaceutical & health insurance arena. Education - music English, Math.

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

Cost of building a home coupled with high property taxes that are comparatively higher than neighboring states.

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

Because I will listen to them for sound input to reduce costs, property taxes, and special millages that make it harder for the average person to afford housing. I will also consider the fees, over regulation, permit process, and

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delays in issuing building permits in a family fashion - these must be changed!



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

Because it is my understanding that he has little to no experience with the building industry and the legislative process. He also seems to lack integrity in campaign language, accusations, and claims.

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 look to homebuilders, general contractors, subcontractors, and local government officials. I also talk to friends who serve on planning & zoning commissions and they share with me the need to revise zoning requirements.

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?

Because of the complexity of the issues, I would create a workgroup including all stakeholders. Together we would develop a strategy to effectively reduce regulations and better support additional new housing efforts.

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

We need less government interference to let the market reflect what buyers truly can afford. Property taxes must be re-evaluated.

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

As by-product of the previously mentioned workgroup, we would develop a step by step process to encourage more opportunity for first-time home buyers.

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

I strongly support private property rights for all of these situations. As an independent insurance agent, I understand what is important to the building industry & their dependence on the consumer to be able to

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

market forces driving interest rates down and consumers able to buy & sell homes & upgrade their homes.

purchase a home or have a remodel project to upgrade their home.

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

Provide me/us with regular input for appropriate legislation. I am eager to sponsor legislation that would move the housing market forward.

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.

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