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Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

Information Request Form

Candidate Name: Steve Frisbie

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City / State / Zip Battle Creek, MI 49017

Mailing address (if different):

County: Calhoun **Length of residence:** Pennfield Twp – 36 years. Present home-9 years

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Campaign committee name & address: The Committee to Elect Steve Frisbie,
same address

Occupation: Vice President, LifeCare Ambulance, employed 36 years

Candidate for which office: Calhoun County Commission, 4th District.

Incumbent? Yes, seeking 6th term

Please list endorsements received to date: Right to Life. No primary for me so endorsements are focused on the contested Primary Election candidates.

Endorsements in the past: Farm Bureau, Deputy Sheriff's union (POAM), Battle Creek Area Realtors, Battle Creek Enquirer.

Mission Statement

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HBA of Western Michigan – local candidate informational questions

Have you ever run for elective office? Yes, same seat

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

Bachelor Degree in Business Management, The Robert B. Miller College, 2009
Michigan Political Leadership Program, Fellowship – Michigan State University, 2016
Multiple professional certifications related to Emergency Medical Services and Leadership
Former paid-on call firefighter in Colon and Pennfield Township
Various community volunteer & service groups

What are your top priority issues if elected / re-elected?

Continue to guide fiscal policies that keep Calhoun County strong and able to meet the surging needs of infrastructure updates, especially roadways. Set policy that meets the needs of today's rapidly changing environments

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

I am a firm believer in business, especially those that drive our local and regional economies. I understand the need for new homes and the effect those homes play in developing and growing local economies and how they support government. Growth in taxes should come from growth in value and expansion, not tax increases.

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

There are no reasons to not support me.

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Today the home building and remodeling community is confronted with a wide array of complex issues. Who and/or what organization in your community do you use for advice and counsel?

Local builders/contractors, developers, and real estate professionals are who I turn to for advice about the industry. I am also a member of the Southwest Michigan Planning Council which keeps up-to-date in regional planning activities and helps support growth where possible.

Government regulations, policies, ordinances, and codes continue to be a top concern of the residential construction and remodeling industry. What would you recommend to reduce regulations to promote and support the need for additional housing in our area?

Consistent policies across all layers of government that protect all parties should always be the goal. We also need to reduce the amount of burdensome government regulations that do not serve a purpose because they are outdated or no longer applicable and act to stymie growth.

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

Private development should be encouraged and supported by local government. New growth brings value to property and should be at the discretion of the owner as long as they follow established rules and regulations. Taxes are a necessary tool to fund government. Raising tax revenues due to market driven increased property values are the best method for government to increase funding needs in order to provide mandated services.

I am supportive of taxpayers deciding about targeted and dedicated tax millage to support their request for local service (Senior Services, Veterans, Local Roads). I would like to see Public Act 181 changed to allow other methods such as per parcel or household tax requests for issues other than public safety. Millage is an unfair burden on new homes, business owners, and farmers.

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What else can be done to encourage and support new housing development?

Let the free market dictate development instead of government planners. New housing stock creates older, less expensive but often, well maintained housing stock for all levels of income earners. Home ownership can be a great tool for building of personal wealth! Neighborhoods have life cycles and can be regenerated by motivated investors.

What is your position on the rights of property owners with regard to development, redevelopment and remodeling?


Zoning laws should be limited to this: do with your property what you wish (following building codes/laws) As long as what you do does not infringe upon your neighbors, it should not be the property owners right.

How would you define positive growth in housing for our area?

Positive to me means: property values are rising and homes are not left abandoned or in possession of the local Land Bank.

How can the HBA of Western Michigan assist you if you are elected?

*Endorsement, Campaign Contribution - The Committee to Elect Steve
Frisbie, Spread the word among your membership*



The Government Relations Committee thanks you for taking the time help the HBA membership to make an informed decision on election day. Please return your form to the address above or email to JeffT@hbawmi.com or fax to 269-375-6493.

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