

RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM TIFFIN CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE MELISSA AREY

Note: Questionnaire answers are written as received.

Why are you running and what are your priorities if elected?

I am running because I feel that it is important to be involved in our city government and I feel that I have knowledge and skills that would be beneficial to our City. If elected, I would like to see:

- Increased communication among the council, city staff, residents, developers, and others to balance the needs of our rapidly growing town with current and proposed infrastructure improvements.
- A budget balancing current town needs and upcoming improvements
- Improved transparency with the public, including more accessible City Meeting Minutes and social media updates

How would you facilitate a continued favorable economic environment for your community?

It seems that our economic environment is favorable, as we are one of the top growing communities in the state of Iowa. I believe with that and two major interchanges being a part of our City, time should be spent encouraging additional commercial development.

How do you feel about the current government regulatory environment and how might you improve what is currently in place?

I would work with all to continue appropriate and necessary regulations.

What are your thoughts on TIF funding for projects that enhance economic growth and are you favorably disposed as to how this has been utilized by current and past councils?

I believe TIF funding can be a strong economic tool to enhance economic growth.

How do you plan to address the issue of affordable housing in your community?

I would like to see an affordable housing policy put into place by working with citizens, developers and neighboring cities. At this point, I feel a definition of affordable housing would be a good start.

What is your position on climate change and how they would address the impact to the home building industry?

I believe every person must be aware of climate change. It is the duty of every citizen to do what they can to mitigate their part.

How do you plan to engage our membership to further enhance our area?

I plan to respond promptly to all official city correspondence. I also know I will need to work with builders and developers as well as city staff and residents to balance the needs of our City.