

RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM SOLON CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE DAN O'NEIL

Note: Questionnaire answers are written as received.

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

I am running for Solon City Council to represent the community members while using my prior council experience to make informed decisions in the best interest of the community. My priorities are to continue controlled growth, providing activities for all ages, and ensuring financial stability for the city.

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

To start, all decisions need to be made from all available information. Making informed decisions rather than emotional decisions is a great way to continue this. Ensuring the right people are engaged (for or against the decision) will help find the right solution.

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

It's important to understand the current regulatory requirements and look for opportunities to raise the bar. I feel the city made a great decision recently when expanding the site plan requirements with resolution 19-45.

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?

TIFs, when used correctly are a tool that can greatly help the community and new development. Prior to any TIF proposal, it is critical to understand the reason for the request, length of request, and language within any potential TIF. Working closely with the city attorney would be key to ensuring TIFs are set-up appropriately.

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

If/When the issue would arise, I'd ensure to have the most current information available. Overall, decisions made by the council need to be in the best interest of the community.

[HBA Note: Home building generates substantial local economic activity, including new income and jobs for residents, and additional revenue for local governments. The estimated one-year impacts of building 100 single-family homes in a typical local area include: \$28.7 million in local income, \$3.6 million in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and 394 local jobs. The additional, annually recurring impacts of building 100 single-family homes in a typical local area include: \$4.1 million in local income, \$1.0 million in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and 69 local jobs.]

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

I don't believe that cities of our size should be in the development business. We're fortunate to have several great builders/businesses in the area to help lead the way. As stated in earlier questions, making informed decisions without emotion is critical in making the right choice. I

see the ICAHBA as a resource to help get critical information to the council that could help with future decisions.