

Mike Benson, Candidate for Mayor of Carrboro

1. What are the highest priority affordable housing issues in your community?

Most important priorities: Affordable homeownership, Senior housing, Critical repairs
Top priorities, but not most important: Rental housing, Permanent housing for homeless
Important, but lower priorities: Mobile homes

2. Should local government provide more money or less money to support affordable housing in your community?

Slightly more money. We need to find ways to get people into homeownership.... it will take money

3. Do you support donating surplus government-owned land to affordable housing developers?

Yes. I do not believe we have any Gov't surplus land in Carrboro... but yes

4. Do you think local jurisdictions do an effective job coordinating housing policies and programs with other jurisdictions in the county, including Orange County government?

Moderately effective. Work with transparency when dealing with developers

5. What's one example of an affordable housing program or development that you think worked well. Please explain why you think that was successful and how you will support more of these successes in the future.

N/A

6. What are your ideas for ensuring that the new Town of Carrboro Affordable Housing Advisory Commission will be effective?

To move faster, to reach the people in need of affordable housing and to make the process easier