

**Jacquelyn Gist, Incumbent Carrboro Board of Aldermen**

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

Most important priorities: Rental housing

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

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

Much more money. The lack affordable rental for low and middle income individuals and families is adding to the gentrification of our community. I would like the governing bodies to pull resources and creatively invest in affordable rental units.

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

Yes. The jointly owned Green Trac would be ideal to provide a mix of very low, low and middle income housing opportunities

**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. I was excited to vote in support of changing the Home Program Review Committee to the OC Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative and look forward the resulting increasing in policy and funding coordination that I hope will occur.

**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.**

Our community is fortunate to have a strong group of effective housing organizations serving a wide range of needs. It is impossible to single out one project. I am excited to have voted in support of the CASA project on Merritt Mill road which will provide permanent housing for people who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. This is an example of collaboration among agencies serving low income communities and between governing bodies, which is key to any projects success

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

We just appointed a strong knowledgeable group of citizens to our Advisory Commission. The BOA can best ensure their success by first asking them what they need from us in order to be effective and secondly work to lift any barriers to affordability in our ordinance that they identify.