

Cindy Talisman, Candidate for Mayor of Hillsborough

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

Most important priorities: Affordable homeownership, Critical repairs

Top priorities, but not most important: Senior housing

Important, but lower priorities: Rental housing, Mobile homes

Not too important: Permanent housing for homeless

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

About the same amount of money. With Orange County having the highest property taxes in the state-affordable housing is just a typical campaign promise. Hillsborough has numerous developments in the making BUT with costs starting in the low 200's -how is that affordable? Developments also have HOA's-so between the property taxes and HOA dues affordable is unattainable to most. The current board and mayor have had a minimum of 14 years to create affordable housing-where is it?

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

Yes. if the land is sitting there doing nothing why not-there are plenty of grants and coalitions out there that nice little subdivisions of first time ownership homes would be great. It's a win win-the land is being used,citizens have affordable homes which in turn do bring in tax dollars.

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?

Neutral. Until I am on the board and can delve in further I must be neutral. From the outside looking in it seems that Orange County dictates what each town can do while not working together.

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.

Magnolia Place-where i live-it was built in the late 90's for first time home buyers,as affordable housing. We have 42 houses,a thriving community of mixed homeowners-women,men,seniors,Hispanics,and families. Our homes are currently under the 175 thousand,but I'm sure this will probably change with the costs of homes surrounding us. But it works. And it was built by Orange County Housing Authority for first time home buyers.

6. As the Town of Hillsborough continues to experience growth, what policies or tools can the Town employ to ensure that housing does not become out of reach for households at or below median income?

put a moratorium on developments that have homes starting in the \$200,000 on up. As I stated with the highest property taxes and HOA's a mix of a 350,000 homes next to a 175,000 home is not going to work. That's ridiculous even thinking that.