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Q1 Please enter your name.

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Q2 What is the most important affordable housing issue in your community?

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| Rental housing | Top priority but not the most important |
| Affordable homeownership | Top priority but not the most important |
| Senior housing | Top priority but not the most important |
| Critical repairs | Most important priority |
| Mobile homes | Top priority but not the most important |
| Permanent housing for homeless | Top priority but not the most important |

Q3 Should local government provide more money, level funding, or less money to support affordable housing in your community? If you said level or less, why? If you said more, how much more AND how do you plan to achieve this?

About the same amount of money

Please provide an explanation for your response.:

The Town recently passed a \$10 million bond to augment our annual commitment of one cent on the tax rate to creation and preservation of affordable housing. The Town currently spends \$6 million on Affordable Housing and devotes the largest part of its budget for fare free transit, public safety, paying a living wage and critical services which are also part of affordability.

Q4 Utilizing surplus government-owned land is an important tool for creating affordable housing. What are some parcels of public land you think should be made available for affordable housing? Are there any parcels that should not be?

Town-owned properties that are most promising sites for affordable housing in the near-term include:

- 2200 Homestead (planning for Mixed Income housing in process)
- Plant Road property will come available when Parks & Rec staff are relocated
- J Street parcel in Northside neighborhood
- The Greene Tract – in partnership with Orange County and Carrboro
- Rehabing our Public Housing in Northside and other sites to make them better and add density
- All parcels need to have water & sewer and have access to transit and food.

2019 Candidate Survey on Affordable Housing

Q5 What is one local 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.

Rather than focus on a single project, I'd like to highlight the overall progress the Town is making by utilizing a wide-range of strategies aimed at providing a wide range of housing options across a broad range of income levels and ages.

Use of town-owned land: Greenfield project, 149 units including 69 units for seniors

Acquisition of properties: Added 9 units for transitional housing

Funding for repairs: Preserved 150 units

Partnerships: The Northside Neighborhood Initiative, through its land-banking program, has resulted in addition of many new homes in Northside including a PeeWee home duplex that provided transitional housing for individuals coming out of the men's shelter, a quadplex that is allowing 4 families to transition from public housing and the relocation of several cottages from the Historic District onto a difficult to access town-owned site.

Q6 How would you ensure that people who have been affected by the lack of affordable housing have a "seat" at decision-making tables about the future development of affordable housing in our community?

We have a public housing Residents Council, we meet with our affordable housing partners regularly, we have an Affordable Housing Board that we want people affected by the lack of affordable housing to be represented (so we offer childcare & transportation to the advisory board meetings which are open to the public). We do a great deal of outreach to affected people and groups through our Community Department and we are open to working with many different voices. I have served on OC Habitat & The Community Home Trust boards where there are always owners and residents of affordable housing represented. I have attended the CEF Meeting of the Minds gathering and several Affordable Housing seminars represented by many different people. By listening to the voices of people affected by lack of Affordable Housing, we will be much more informed in how to move forward together as a community on creating and retaining more affordable housing.
