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Q1 Please enter your name.

Steve Friedman

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

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

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?

Slightly more money

Please provide an explanation for your response.:

I think we should be spending more on affordable housing. The way to accomplish this is not by raising property taxes but by increasing our commercial base and using that increase in tax revenue to fund the affordable housing.

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?

I believe the Greene Tract was initially designed for affordable housing and that's where I would look to build first. There are several areas in town that have been identified as "Town Owned" and yet are in areas that would involve significant impact to existing trees and forests and I would be opposed to that.

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.

Developing the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund has worked well. This is an important measure to help people with rental assistance but also help in the repair and maintenance of their homes which keeps affordable housing inventory. I do think that there are additional initiatives that can be taken to address this issue including promoting increased wages, acquiring privately held land, and increasing developer incentives.

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?

Communication with the residents of Carrboro is a cornerstone of my campaign. That involves active dialogue and proactively reaching out to those who are most in need of these services from our town. I also think that it is not right that most of the people who work for our town cannot afford to live in it so I would look to address their needs so that people can truly work where they live.
