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Q1 Please enter your name.

Sue Hunter

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	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.:

I would like to be able to say more money, but our tax burden is already high. We need to leverage our limited funds and available resources, such as government-owned land, affordable units in exchange for density bonuses, and the inclusionary zoning ordinance to maximize the benefits for our community. We must prioritize use of government-owned land, commit to moving the process forward, and be a willing partner at the table with Carrboro and Orange County.

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?

All government-owned parcels should be considered, including parcels located at Jay Street, Bennet Road, Dogwood Acres Drive, the American Legion Road property and the Greene tract (pending the environmental survey). All options should be weighed equally. Ideally, affordable housing development must be linked to climate actions, connecting housing to transit, jobs and other services.

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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.

Greenfield Place is the most recent example of an innovative use of a number of funding mechanisms and government-owned land. This collaboration was successful in creating a significant number of affordable units (149) to our housing inventory, including much-needed senior apartments. The housing is located close to transit, connections to jobs, grocery stores and other retail. I would like to see more collaborations like this in the future, and Town Council can make this happen by moving forward with use of government-owned land.

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 need to take the table to them, wherever they are: churches, social service waiting rooms, work places and laundromats. We could also collaborate with Meeting of the Minds, an action community of people with lived experiences of poverty. We should consider providing child care, transportation and interpretation services if people are required to come to town facilities, but it's worth asking first if this is what people actually want, and if it's helpful to them. Incorporating a community first planning model, as was used with the Greene tract, is critical to the decision-making process.
