

**Asheville Home Builders Association  
Candidate Questionnaire**

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**1. Why are you running for this particular position?**

Response: One of the main reasons I am running for Congress is because if the reckless deficit spending continues in Washington, it will not be me but my son and his children that have to pay for it years from now. We need to audit every department and find ways to do things in our federal government better, faster, and cheaper. Our children deserve the same opportunity to achieve the American Dream as generations before us have.

My top priority in Congress will be to put America back to work. As a small business owner, I know first hand that government doesn't create jobs. It's government's job to create an environment where small business owners and entrepreneurs can flourish. I know the top two creators of jobs are business start-ups and expanding businesses. I'll make sure government improves the business climate instead of putting barriers in the way of prosperity and job creation. I'll fight to reduce taxes and control government spending so government is working with job creators to make it easier for them to grow and invest here, not working against them.

**2. Which community leaders are supporting your campaign?**

Response: Senator Richard Burr, Former NC Senator and 2008 Gubernatorial Candidate Fred Smith, Commissioner of Labor Cherie K Berry, Former District Chief of Staff to Sen. William Cohen of Maine, Steve Ziegler, Mayor of Marion Stephen Little, Former Mayor of Hendersonville Fred H. Niehoff, Jr., General Coordinator of the Henderson County TEA Party, Bill O'Connor, NC Sen. Tom Apodaca of Henderson County, Former Sen. Robert Carpenter of Franklin, Former NC Sen. Dennis Davis, who served Rutherford and Cleveland Counties, Former NC Sen. Keith Presnell of Yancey County, NC Rep. Carolyn Justus of Dana, Former Henderson County Sheriff George Erwin, Former Polk County Commissioner Ted Owens, Current Henderson County Commissioners Bill Moyer and Chuck McGrady, County Commissioner Charlie Messer.

**3. How will you seek to support the housing industry if elected?**

Response: North Carolina's skilled tradesman literally built our state. Given the chance, your organization and groups like yours can help rebuild our economy. The best way to stimulate the economy is to remove barriers to growth and job creation. It is time the federal government stops over-regulating the housing industry and starts giving them the tools to build and create jobs in Western North Carolina. As a small business owner, I know the burden of overregulation and I will be the housing industry's number one advocate to creating an environment where you all can be successful once again.

**4. What do you feel is the single biggest issue facing our community today and how do you plan to address it?**

Response: One of the biggest fears I hear while on the campaign trail is the national deficit. There was a poll taken recently and the national deficit polled higher than terrorism as the number one fear of the American people. That to me is a failure of our federal government.

Happy talk about the stimulus and the economy won't create one job or put one person back to work. Bigger government, more spending and more debt aren't the answers our country needs. People will have the confidence to start spending again when they see the federal government stop spending money we do not have. To get America back to work we need to regain the confidence of the American people.

**5. What can we do to improve small business and homeowners loans on a local and regional level?**

Response: The tax burden on North Carolina's working families and businesses are already far too high and government spending is out of control. Businesses and homeowners want certainty. Before they consider investing, job creators need to know they'll have an economic climate, which fosters success. I want small businesses to have a more predictable and stable tax environment. We must get government out of the way of business so everyone will see North Carolina is the place to grow or start a business.

**6. Do you support more local, state or federal regulation on the housing industry?**

X Strongly oppose      Oppose      Support      Strongly Support

**7. How do you feel about a municipal or statewide mandate requiring fire sprinklers in all new one and two family homes? Would you:**

X Strongly oppose      Oppose      Support      Strongly Support

**8. Do you support local tax breaks for energy efficiency?**

Strongly oppose      Oppose      X Support      Strongly Support

**9. If elected are you willing to meet with Asheville Home Builders Association leaders to discuss issues of importance to home owners and our industry?**

X Yes      Maybe      No