

**Asheville Home Builders Association
2010 Candidate Questionnaire**

Candidate Name: Susan Fisher
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1. Why are you running for this particular position?

Response: I am running because I want to continue representing the people of Western North Carolina as we rebuild our economy and create good jobs to help families support themselves. My top three priorities are jobs and the economy, education, and the environment.

2. Which community leaders are supporting your campaign?

Response: Sherriff Van Duncan, Senator Martin Nesbitt, Commissioners David Gantt and Holly Jones, Mayor Bellamy, Rev. Joe Hoffman, Rev. Jeanne Finan, many more – please see list of endorsements on my website, electsusanfisher.org.

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

Response: I am committed to listening to your concerns, and working with you to help rebuild our economy. I have worked hard in my time in the legislature to promote safe and affordable housing, including supporting the NC Housing Trust Fund, which provides financial support so developers can build affordable housing. I support the creation of affordable housing, and was honored to be name NC Housing Coalition Legislator of the Year for 2008 for my work to promote affordable housing in North Carolina.

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

Response: Rebuilding our economy is by far the most important task before us. I am committed to getting our economy back on track, bringin jobs to WNC and growing a strong local economy rooted in our mountain values. We must support homegrown small businesses while at the same time attracting new industry to our region – industry that fits our values, skills, and resources.

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

Response: Continue to access private, local, state, and federal support for local organizations like Mountain Housing Opportunities, On Track Financial and Mountain Biz Works; continue to support local small businesses with tax relief and other tools.

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

Strongly oppose Oppose Support Strongly Support

Response: my answer to this question would depend on what kind of regulation was proposed. In general, I support efforts to ensure minimum safety standards.

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

Strongly oppose Oppose Support Strongly Support

Response: I would need more information about any new legislation along these lines, but in general I support efforts to protect public safety.

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

Strongly oppose

Oppose

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?

Yes

Maybe

No