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Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

Information Request Form

Candidate Name: John Gisler

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Campaign committee name & address: John Gisler for County Commission Committee -
9145 Arrowhead Drive West, Scotts, MI 49088

Occupation: Retired from pharmaceutical industry

Candidate for which office: Kalamazoo County Commission - District 8 - South County
Incumbent? Yes

- Please list endorsements received to date. None to date
- Have you ever run for elective office? Yes.

Kalamazoo County Commission - first elected in 2010 - now completing 4th term

- What is your background (education, employment, other relevant experience)?

AB Zoology/Chemistry - Wabash College — MBA Finance - Syracuse University
40 years in pharmaceutical industry - 14 years management experience with
budget responsibility

- What are your top priority issues if elected / re-elected?

Maintain Kalamazoo as one of Michigan's most fiscally responsible counties. Move
county government to adopt priority-based budgeting - we can no longer provide all
services to all people all the time. Some services may have to be reduced and
others eliminated. Taxes should not be increased.

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- Why should the residential construction and remodeling community support your candidacy?

Sound fiscal management and priority-based budgeting should enable Kalamazoo County to prosper and grow.

- Why should the residential construction and remodeling community NOT support your opponent's candidacy (if applicable)?

I am unopposed in 2020.

- Today the home building and remodeling community is confronted with a wide array of complex issues. Who and/or what organization in your community do you use for advice and counsel?

Both my wife, Gail, and I hold real estate licenses and she's a licensed residential builder. We attend CE classes to stay current even though neither of us has been active for years. It's a good way to stay on top of major changes affecting the local market.

- Government regulations, policies, ordinances and codes continue to be a top concern of the residential construction and remodeling industry. What would you recommend to reduce regulations to promote and support the need for additional housing in our area?

We live in an over-regulated county, state and nation. One of my guiding principles is "limited government." We should look to government much less than we do for zoning, permits and codes. Many of these standards are set in Lansing. The county commission should communicate to our state representatives suggested rules/regulations changes that will cut some of the expense and red tape involved in residential development.

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- What is your philosophy on residential development, impact fees, property taxes, etc.?

Development should be as unregulated as possible. Fees and taxes should be held to a minimum.

- What else can be done to encourage and support new housing development?
The best thing county government can do is stay out of the way and help establish an environment conducive to private development.
- What is your position on the rights of property owners with regard to development, redevelopment and remodeling?

Again, government involvement should be minimized. Private ownership and development should rule.

- How would you define positive growth in housing for our area?

Each village, township and city in the county should be responsible for development, redevelopment and remodeling in its jurisdiction — with as little government interference as possible.

- How can the HBA of Western Michigan assist you if you are elected?

Support my effort to prioritize county budgeting.

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