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Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

Information Request Form

Candidate Name: Dale Shugars

Street address: 1185 Tanager Lane

City / State / Zip: Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009

Mailing address (if different): _____

County: Kalamazoo Length of residence: 12 years

Phone: 269-207-5275 E-mail: dale1shugars@gmail.com

Website: _____

Campaign committee name & address: CTE Dale Shugars

Occupation: Self-Employed 1185 Tanager Lane
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Candidate for which office: Kalamazoo County Incumbent? No
Commission

Please list endorsements received to date: _____

Right to Life of Michigan - PAC

Mission Statement

The Home Builders Association of Western Michigan exists so that members of the residential construction industry can conduct their business ethically and efficiently to provide our communities with safe, quality, affordable housing, and to promote home ownership



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HBA of Western Michigan – local candidate informational questions

Have you ever run for elective office?

Portage City Council - 7 years

Michigan State Representative - 4 years

Michigan State Senate - 8 years

Kalamazoo County Commission - 4 years

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

WMU - BBA - Accountancy and Political Science

Portage Northern High School

CPA (Reg), CAE (Retired)

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

- ① Restore Fiscal Responsibility - eliminate paying volunteers \$25 stipend per meeting, Budgeted \$95,000
- ② eliminate paying part time employees health insurance including County Commissioners, Budgeted \$106,000
- ③ eliminate excessive commissioner out of state travel, Budgeted \$30,600
- ④ eliminate County ID program Budgeted \$50,000
- ⑤ demand and hold accountable the Sheriff's department - discovered fraud - Cost \$30,000
(#2 and #3 on back of page)

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

I am the most qualified and experienced candidate

for the 9th District! I served as Executive Vice President

for HBA of Greater Kalamazoo and for Home and Building Association of Greater Grand Rapids and have good understanding of this industry.

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

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?

I listen to everyone on issues! HBA represents the industry well and I support ^{their} mission statement. Thus, I would be very interested in the HBA's views on issues.

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?

A major issue is affordable housing. Unreasonable regulations and taxes cause increase cost to housing. When addressing regulations, policies, ordinances and codes we must always consider the unintentional consequences. ^{support} I ~~use~~ a market approach to increase quality rather than more regulations.

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

Quality residential development is very important for affordable housing and economic development. Increase fees and property taxes cause the cost of building homes to increase and causes additional challenges for affordable housing.

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What else can be done to encourage and support new housing development?

Develop better relationships with the cities and townships in the area. From the development offices, planning commissions to the governing boards improve communications and understanding of issues facing our community.

What is your position on the rights of property owners with regard to development, redevelopment and remodeling?

I am a strong property rights person!

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

Increase taxable values (SEUs) and the ^{positive} overall perception from the market. Also, infill and redevelop in old areas like urban core etc.

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

To recruit more contractors, licensed builders and related businesses ^{to} become a member of HBA to learn "best practices" in their field and stay current on all levels of government activities.

The Government Relations Committee thanks you for taking the time help the HBA membership to make an informed decision on election day. Please return your form to the address above or email to JeffT@hbawmi.com or fax to 269-375-6493.

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