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Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

Information Request Form

Candidate Name: Christian Wines

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City / State / Zip: Vicksburg, MI, 49097

Mailing address (if different): N/A

County: Kalamazoo Length of residence: 14 years

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Campaign committee name & address: Christian Wines for Brady Clerk, 7743 S Indian Lk Dr

Occupation: _____

Candidate for which office: Brady Township Clerk Incumbent? No

Please list endorsements received to date: Current Brady Township Supervisor Tracy Locey. Current Brady Township Trustees, John Meyer and Randy Smith.

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?

No.

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

For the past year and a half I worked for a local municipality in Vicksburg, the Village of Vicksburg, gaining crucial knowledge on how local government works. I am currently a WMU student, graduating in December with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

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

My top priorities will be to ensure transparency, and to be as efficient as possible.

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

I support keeping property taxes as low as possible. My philosophy is that government is there to support and be a part of the local community, not tax its constituents unnecessarily. Brady Townships millage rate is low, and I intend to keep it that way.

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

My opponent has been the Township Clerk for over two years. As the Clerk she has made countless mistakes, resulting in unnecessary costs. These costs could have been avoided, if my opponent had done her due diligence.

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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?

Brady Township uses the ZBA, and their Planning Commission for the vast majority of the issues that arise pertaining to remodeling, etc.

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?

I would recommend cutting as much red tape as possible, while still keeping the integrity and safety of the house in mind. The fewer regulations that are in place, the costs of building and remodeling go down.

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

Property taxes are a necessary evil that we have, but they should be as low as possible. The Government does not need more money than absolutely necessary. They should not be running deficits, but they also shouldn't be maintaining an astronomical surplus that is not benefitting the taxpayers.

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

Brady Township has around 3300 people living within its boundaries, with an abundance of space for new builds. Taxes are low, all around, compared to neighboring Townships, which can make it an attractive place to build. The Vicksburg school district is one of the best in the state, which attracts young families to move to. Now is a prime time to create a new housing development in our community.

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

I believe that people have the right to do what they want when developing/ remodeling their house. But, they need to go through the proper channels and get the proper permits in doing so.

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

Positive growth would be people's property value rising. Not because of a tax increase, but because of positive renovations, remodeling and rebuilding. Our home is where we spend the majority of our lives and we want them to be as nice as possible. They are our biggest assets, and we want to see those grow, and rise in value. This would attract more people to our community, making it a better place to live.

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

All I would ask for is your continued support. I will always fight to keep cost of living, and building, down for our home owners.

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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