

**1. What plans do you have to provide more permanent, affordable housing for folks with 30% or less of area median income in Madison?**

Previous administrations did not take our housing crisis seriously, and as a result, we have a severe housing shortage and serious lack of affordable housing. Building more housing, and especially more affordable housing, has been a main focus of my time in the Mayor's office.

My administration doubled the affordable housing fund from \$5 to \$10 million annually. We have approved over 15,000 new units of housing – thousands of which are affordable. New affordable housing units are being dispersed throughout the city and many of the buildings we subsidize are mixed income. We also are investing in upgrades to In the long term, we need to continue to maintain and upgrade naturally occurring affordable housing, particularly for energy and water efficiency.

To ensure that we increase the supply of housing that is affordable to people at 30% AMI or lower, we need to continue to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing, and to provide deeper subsidies to new units.

**2. Federally funded COVID-related emergency funds for renters (rent and security deposit help) and COVID-related funds for homeless services (Hotels to Housing, etc.) will both be running out soon. As a result, we can expect a large increase in the homeless population. How should the city prepare for the impacts of these major relief programs and other American Rescue Plan Act programs ending?**

With federal funding, my administration transformed how the City addresses homelessness. Previously, Madison's policies were to warehouse the unhoused in church basements and kick them off the capital square. We rapidly created temporary shelters during the pandemic, built the first urban campground for those who won't use congregate shelters, repurposed an old nursing home into a family shelter, and are in the process of building Wisconsin's first purpose built men's shelter. During my tenure as Mayor we have reduced unhoused homelessness by 65%. In anticipation of the federal rental assistance program coming to an end, we have planned to continue funding housing navigation and eviction prevention services. We've also budgeted for continued services for those experiencing homelessness, and are working on a campaign to leverage private dollars.

**3. We need more nonprofit developers who are willing to build affordable housing, and ensure that the housing remains affordable in perpetuity. What can we do to get more nonprofit developers in our community and support their growth and success?**

We need to continue to provide innovative ways to make it easier to build housing, including making the approval process easier, providing flexible funding the the Housing Forward Fund - which my administration started, providing sites via land banking, and more. We should also recruit nonprofit developers that have produced high quality projects in other cities to come work in Madison.

**4. Most affordable housing is only affordable for a period of 40 years or less, meaning our investment in affordable units is lost after a set time. Please discuss any ideas that you have for keeping affordable housing in Madison affordable long-term.**

My administration has begun requiring longer periods of affordability in exchange for city subsidies. I would like to continue that trend. We're also looking at what it would take for the City to build more public housing so we could control the affordability levels in perpetuity.

**5. There will be many new alders on the 2023 Council. How do you, as Mayor, plan to work with alders new and old? Please describe the strategies that you will employ to have effective working relationships with council members on issues of affordable housing and homeless services.**

I have an excellent working relationship with most of the current common council – that is one of the main reasons why my first term has been as successful as it's been. My administration has made it a priority to cooperate with alders and we will continue to do that in the future. I meet regularly with many alders, and will continue to do so.

You are correct that there will be many new faces on the council come inauguration day, and I have met with nearly every candidate running for a council seat in order to find what their policy goals are, where we agree, and how we can work together to get policies passed.

I have endorsed the candidates that I believe will be allies on the council on the issue of housing in particular, and I am working to ensure that the voters know that.