



The League of Women Voters of Dane County, Inc.  
Candidate Questionnaire for the Spring 2009 Elections  
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1. What professional, occupational, civic and community experience have you had that you believe qualifies you for this office? (101 words).

I believe that I bring the background of relevant experience and community involvement that provides me with the necessary skills to be an effective member of the Fitchburg City Council.

I serve on the City's Police and Fire Commission and am actively involved in the Fitchburg Lions Club. I have served as the local government liaison to Governor Jim Doyle during his first term where I worked closely with local government, business and community leaders from across the state on important issues like ensuring funding for adequate and timely police and fire protection, crime prevention, economic development and state aid programs.

2. How will you maintain open lines of communication with neighborhood associations and individuals you will represent? (97 words).

I believe open and honest communication is one of the most parts of being an effective member of the City Council. I will work tirelessly to keep in touch through emails, phone calls, news columns with the neighborhood associations and individuals that I will represent. I plan to attend neighborhood association meetings and will continue to go door to door to hear first hand the concerns of the residents that I will be representing.

I also plan to keep my website active and will use that as a way for constituents to stay in touch with me.

3. What should the city's role be in influencing development? (102 words).

This is one of the main issues facing the residents I hope to represent. It is important that the next City Council work collaboratively and respect ALL parties involved on an issue as important to the City's future as development. I support the City's Comprehensive Plan (although it is not perfect) as a template to move Fitchburg forward as it continues to deal with a growing population over the next 50 years.

I believe balanced, responsible and environmentally-friendly growth is the best way to ensure that Fitchburg can still be a great place live and raise a family and enjoy the outdoors.