

Riverside Community Alliance

Town Hall Meeting

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Candidate Introductions

For Village President: Mike Gorman

For Village Trustee: Jim Reynolds
Lonnie Sacchi
Mark Shevitz



Our Platform

New, Proven Leadership for Riverside

- > Fiscal Responsibility
- > Sustainable Businesses in Riverside
- > Open & Transparent Government



Fiscal Responsibility



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Things We'd Like to Change

Since 2001, village has spent more than it takes in

Village spending increased 47% between 2001 and 2007, revenues only 16%

Village is chasing revenue: TIF, tax increase, high-density condo development

Not looking hard enough at spending



Fiscal Responsibility

Our Vision

A village that efficiently meets the needs of our residents while living within our means. Maintain or enhance services without having to raise taxes.



Fiscal Responsibility

Actions We'll Take

Line-by-line budget audit

Match village services to budget

Match staff to services

Hold the line on property taxes



Fiscal Responsibility

Why We Can Do It

Accountant/business attorney & business owners

Professional & budget experience of slate

Fresh set of eyes for smarter budgeting

Advocated for fiscal responsibility for years



Attracting Sustainable Business



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Attracting Sustainable Businesses

Things We'd Like to Change

Residents leaving the village for basic needs

Not enough opportunities to support the kinds of businesses we want

No one responsible for bringing businesses to town



Attracting Sustainable Businesses

Our Vision

Business districts that support more needs of residents

A landmark CBD for a landmark community

Village government bringing together residents, businesses and landlords



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Actions We'll Take

Focus on what Riverside will support

Don't depend on LaGrange or Naperville for success

Professional who specializes in bringing business to historic communities

Facilitate resident/business/landlord dialogue



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Why We Can Do It

Business owners and commercial real estate experience

Focus on businesses, not bulk development

Put Riverside resident needs first



Open & Transparent Government



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Things We'd Like to Change

Too hard to find government information

Restrictions on public comment at board meetings

Decisions without enough resident input

Disconnect between policies and resident desires



Open & Transparent Government

Our Vision

“Government on Demand”

Government more engaged with residents

More residents taking an active role in the government



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Actions We'll Take

Village checkbook online

Videos of board meetings online

Change restrictions on public comment

Two rounds of public comment before a board vote

Regular “Town Hall” meetings with residents



Open & Transparent Government

Why We Can Do It

Looked into what it will take

Committed to doing it

Advocated for this for years



Real Change for Riverside



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Real Change for Riverside

Why We Can Do It

Stood up for fiscal responsibility

Backgrounds necessary to tackle the budget

Alternative to one-party rule



Question & Answer Session



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Thank You



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