

Ryne Shadday (D-At-Large) Responses to Heading Home Candidate Survey for the May 2, 2023 Bloomington Council Primary Election

1. What do you see as the most effective strategies to strengthen housing security in our community, ensuring that everyone has a safe, stable place to live?

There is no question that anyone who wants a home, should have a home. The city must continue to be innovative in how that is accomplished. Continuing to support developments such as Crawford Place and Kinser Flats and other supportive housing units is a must. Allowing for greater housing density along transit corridors (which allows for easy access to job opportunities), and further exploring city land assets is key to opening up further possibilities. Looking at other possibilities such as community land trusts, and housing cooperatives as a means to provide those homes is also a must. We also need to look into what the non-profit sector can provide, and open up further development opportunities for them.

2. What are your top 3 council legislative priorities to address the scarcity of low-income housing in Bloomington?

- Break down barriers that prevent development - Ex. The south west side of the city has lacked development due to incomplete infrastructure that a potential developer would have to build out. How can we make it more affordable for them to build, either through zoning reforms or infrastructure funding.
- Key to the first above is developing a working relationship with county government since there are parts of that side of the city that are under county jurisdiction. We must work together as entire community in order to address these issues, and working with our county government colleagues is a must.
- Explore how our inclusionary housing incentives are currently working and how we can expand those so that more units are built; explore emergency housing funding to ensure those on the verge of being evicted can stay in their residence; and finally, explore how current assets in the city's housing trust fund are being utilized and how they can be better utilized.

3. What actions should the City of Bloomington take to reduce homelessness, and what would you do on council to implement those actions?



As mentioned above, the city should continue to take actions such as encouraging and aiding development of supportive housing units. As a council member, I would look into how to further fund those developments through a mixture of public and private partnerships. The unhoused deserve to be treated with dignity and understanding, and we must explore what their needs are so that we continue to treat the root cause of their situation, whether that is substance addiction, or mental health issues, and thus fund the support systems that work towards preventing them from being unhoused and/or unemployed.