







Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) Report Card

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District 7 Candidate Aimee Melton

 <h3>Safe Rental Housing</h3>	 <h3>Comingling of Yard Waste</h3>
<p>Will you make sure <u>all rental housing meets basic housing safety codes</u>?</p> <p>YES, I believe that we will, that we all should work with OTOC and the stakeholders and improve safety for tenants, not just for refugees but for all tenants, for all people who maybe don't feel like they have a voice.</p> <p>I first started working on this issue when I started working on the Creighton Legal Clinic...I then saw it compounded when I was a domestic violence prosecutor. I was in the same courtroom in the afternoons when a lot of these landlords were being prosecuted, and you know what I would see, I would see continuance after continuance after continuance for some of the same slum landlords.</p> <p>I think what we need to do is make sure that our prosecutor's office is making this a focus so that they aren't just getting lost, they aren't just getting shuffled as another case. We need to have one or two prosecutors that know these cases that are there, that aren't letting them continue cases, and make sure we enforce the laws that we have. We can pass new ones but if they're not being enforced. . . .</p>	<p>Will you assure <u>future waste management contracts have a transparent bidding process</u> with opportunity for public comment?</p> <p>YES. I believe our City Charter requires that we have an open transparent RFP for any contract that we have, and I would support that with not just the Waste Management contract and our garbage contract, but with every contract with the City.</p> <p>Do you support immediately <u>returning to the existing contract with Waste Management</u>?</p> <p>When it comes to OmaGro, I absolutely love the product. I did a tour of OmaGro ...I think we should actually look at privatizing OmaGro. I don't want to see OmaGro go away, but maybe that's something to be privatized, then people who do find it very important would be willing to pay the extra.</p> <p>I think what we need to do is have these conversations. At what cost are we willing to pay in order to keep OmaGro. I think everybody agrees it's great. It's just how much, how much are we willing to pay to keep it, and I think that's the question that needs to be answered and that's what we all need to decide together.</p>
 <h3>Police Immigrants/Refugees</h3>	 <h3>Limiting Pay Day Lending</h3>
<p>Should <u>Omaha Police Department continue current practices</u> and not act as Immigration Agents ?</p> <p>YES.</p> <p>How would you <u>make immigrants/refugees feel welcome</u>?</p> <p>Protect vulnerable people from exploitation, whether from unscrupulous lenders, domestic violence or other sources.</p>	<p>Will you work with OTOC to get the <u>Unicameral</u> to adopt <u>reasonable limits on Pay Day Lenders</u>?</p> <p>YES.</p> <h3>Greatest Priority for City Council</h3> <p>Pass the Commercial PACE ordinance and then identify ways to protect potential residential borrowers so they are not exploited if the City expands PACE to residential borrowers.</p> <p>Infrastructure, taxes and spending are the three things I think we should be most concerned about on the City Council for all of you, because we are stewards of your tax dollars... help in a fiscally and conservative way so that we are not just throwing your money away, because you work hard for that money and we need to make sure we are spending it appropriately.</p>