



Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) Report Card

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District 7 Candidate Brian Thommes

 <h3>Safe Rental Housing</h3> <p>Will you make sure <u>all rental housing meets basic housing safety codes</u>?</p> <p>YES, I am an absolute yes on this. I would look at it as, I used to have rental property and I always kept it up, because eventually I was going to sell it, and I wanted to make the best money on both sides of it.</p> <p>At that point I also looked at myself as a business owner. So, as a business owner now, if the health department comes to my store, I have problems, I have to fix.</p> <p>If someone comes to my rental properties and I have problems, I have to fix it. Somebody has to enforce those issues so, absolutely, yes, we need to enforce something to get them taken care of.</p>	 <h3>Comingling of Yard Waste</h3> <p>Will you assure <u>future waste management contracts have a transparent bidding process</u> with opportunity for public comment?</p> <p>Yes, we need to be fair and transparent.</p> <p>Do you support immediately <u>returning to the existing contract with Waste Management</u>?</p> <p>I think we need to go back to holding Waste Management accountable to their contract. Uh, I can't buy a house and not make the payment, so I think we need to hold them accountable to that.</p> <p>Okay, so we need to be separated. It makes Omaha a sustainable community...it gives us, it makes us a greener community, everybody...more people want it more than not, so let's do it. Let's make it right for the people and let's do what we need to do.</p>
 <h3>Police Immigrants/Refugees</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>Omaha is a very welcoming community and we need to continue that.</p> <p>We heard earlier from the immigrant woman and... she has come to Omaha and she has been successful and we helped her. Omaha is welcoming.</p> <p>We need to educate people and get them out there and help them learn the issues and how to sustain Omaha.</p>	 <h3>Limiting Pay Day Lending</h3> <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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable growth 2. Infrastructure Improvements 3. Keeping young people in Omaha <p>We have to go beyond fixing our roads. We need to find technology to keep young people in Omaha. Have to find a place where they can live, work and play.</p> <p>If we have big areas of density, that helps to raise tax dollars. We don't have to expand westward and then have to fix up our roads. That is our sustainable growth.</p> <p>There is a large area near 90th and Fort that we need to go back to the developers.</p> <p>We need people who will fight to lower taxes in Omaha</p>