



Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) Report Card

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Vinny Palermo had a School Board Meeting and did not attend

District 4 Candidate Jim Rogers responses

 <h4>Safe Rental Housing</h4>	 <h4>Comingling of Yard Waste</h4>
<p>Will you make sure <u>all rental housing meets basic housing safety codes</u>?</p> <p>YES. My answer is absolutely yes, its a problem I've found to be pervasive and the South Omaha communities have gone door to door.</p> <p>One thing I'd really like to address is that I think we could even move forward more on is, the issue of over occupancy that exists within South Omaha. It creates a hazardous condition also in addition to what you've addressed this evening, and I've found that it is quite prevalent in especially homes in South Omaha.</p> <p>So I look forward to working with OTOC, fellow members of the city council, and neighborhood groups in identifying these properties and working to resolve the issue.</p>	<p>Will you assure <u>future waste management contracts have transparent bidding process</u> with opportunity for public comment?</p> <p>YES My answer is a resounding yes.</p> <p>Do you support immediately <u>returning to the existing contract with Waste Management?</u></p> <p>I have heard repeatedly from folks throughout the community as I have approached them that they would like to see this continue...The other thing I'd like to bring up is if the OmaGro product that we're marketing throughout the Midwest has a market value that decidedly lower than its nearest competitor, then maybe we really need to look at the price point of what we are having with the OmaGro product. I think we might be able to recoup a lot of our expenses.</p>
 <h4>Police Immigrants/Refugees</h4>	 <h4>Limiting Pay Day Lending</h4>
<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>It is actually one of the pillars of my campaign is talking about the vastness of culture that exist in our community and how the greatest untapped resource in my opinion are the people that live in and love our city. They truly want to help commit to making a better and brighter future for Omaha and certainly for District four. One of the things that was most prevalent on Facebook today as I was perusing around this morning was...forgive me I am still learning espanol, but which stands for "we belong together."</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> <h4>Greatest Priority for City Council</h4> <p>I've always viewed South Omaha as a gateway community to immigrants long before my time having been placed on this earth. To me that is something we need to embrace fully, because I believe also that it provides an avenue for allowing us to increase what I like to call adventurism which Omaha has shown it's quite good at....Events like the Cinco de May Festival... put money in people's purses and wallets, they grow the common wealth of our city and it creates a more vibrant economy.</p>