



Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) Report Card

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Grant Sturek did not respond to OTOC's invitation

District 1 Candidate Pete Festersen



Safe Rental Housing

Will you make sure **all rental housing meets basic housing safety codes?**

YES, and I also agree with OTOC about the progress we've made over these issues over the last four years. I've been proud of the city council's work on these things, together with OTOC.

When it comes to a demolition funding, when it comes to code enforcement, and when it comes to things you mentioned like the vacant and abandoned property ordinance that we passed together and the boarding house ordinance that we passed together to address these kind of issues of public safety and in quality housing throughout our city.

The vacant and abandoned property ordinance has now registered over 900 properties in the city, so that's well on its way, as is the abandoned, or the boarding house ordinance...so I think it's time to start looking at this very issue as well.



Comingling of Yard Waste

Will you assure **future waste management contracts have transparent bidding process** with opportunity for public comment?

Yes. This is one of the more important things a city does, is collect your trash. It's by far, our largest single contract out of any city service, over \$20 million dollars a year, in this case for 10 years. That is something that should be very transparent and involved by the public and that should be a very public process going forward.

Do you support immediately **returning to the existing contract with Waste Management?**

I think I have been in competition with Councilman Gernandt over the last couple of years as being the most vocal critics of combining yard waste into the landfill. I think that's the wrong way to go.

I'm a big supporter of OmaGro. I think we need to continue our composting program in the future. Other cities have figured this out. We can too.



Police Immigrants/Refugees

Should **Omaha Police Department continue current practices** and not act as Immigration Agents ?

YES.

How would you **make immigrants/refugees feel welcome?**

I was very much moved by the stories tonight too, on the immigration front and what we can do to be more welcoming.

You may know that I had a candidate in my district who espoused some false and discriminatory remarks in that regard. We pushed back hard not that. I think a lot of you did too. He dropped out of the race and I was pleased to see that reaction from the community to do the right thing.



Limiting Pay Day Lending

Will you work with OTOC to get the **Unicameral** to adopt **reasonable limits on Pay Day Lenders?**

YES. . . I was disappointed that didn't move forward, but I'm willing to pursue local options for that as well.

Greatest Priority for City Council

1. Two other things you'll hear about from almost everybody, certainly me, is our streets and mass transit. We can do a much better job with our infrastructure. It's about a three hundred million dollar problem we need to resolve as elected officials over the next four years.

2. Maybe the most important issue I will address is the issue you've heard about from almost everybody, and that is poverty and economic disparities that exist in our community.



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