



Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) Report Card

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District 3 Candidate Chris Jerram

 <h3>Safe Rental Housing</h3> <p>Will you make sure <u>all rental housing meets basic housing safety codes</u>?</p> <p>YES, Wow, bigger crowd than ever. As I was thinking about this question since our meeting, the thought occurred to me that really did we get this backwards? We've done great things in terms of the abandoned and neglected property ordinances.</p> <p>But really, if we're trying to stop the downwards spiral, to the properties even getting to the conditions where they fall into the demo-list, the abandoned, the landlord registry is a critical tool and can give promise to addressing that.</p> <p>And that's important because a lot of the houses are quality affordable housing that can be saved before it's too late. So I look forward to working on that.</p>	 <h3>Comingling of Yard Waste</h3> <p>Will you assure <u>future waste management contracts have transparent bidding process</u> with opportunity for public comment?</p> <p>YES, and not only do I support that process, but as the Chairperson of the Public Works Committee of the City Council with my fellow Council members Festersen and Melton have insisted that the Public Works Department have public input sessions that will be coming in the near future. Where you can attend the meetings and express your feelings as to the direction of the program and the RFP.</p> <p>Do you support immediately <u>returning to the existing contract with Waste Management?</u></p> <p>I also support the resumption of the composting program, because it's I think as the leader of the largest city in the state we ought to be a leader in this area. Not a follower, we need to be setting the example, not only for our state but for the region and we must do this. My district wants it and that survey is probably low in District 3.</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>I believe her name was Ana...I haven't heard powerful testimony like that very often in my life, but your story drives me to do what I do. Your story moves me and drives me to do what I do.</p> <p>It is not what the court or Legislature said the last time, it is what they say the next time.</p> <p>You may not have homeruns on each battle, but you can advance the cause.</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> <p>When I began to serve the district in 2009, there were areas of the district in 2009 of high poverty and high crime. When they mixed, there were very bad social scenes in many areas.</p> <p>It is struggle which drives me. There is an ebb and flow in struggle. But there is strength in numbers</p> <p>I am anxious to work on things like affordable housing on mass transit routes. To continue the growth in District 3.</p>