



Omaha Together One Community Score Card for Unicameral 2018

	District 6		District 8		District 12	District 20	
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<p>Question 1: Are you willing to work with OTOC to develop legislation requiring the registration and periodic inspection of rental properties in cities of the Metropolitan class?</p>	<p>“Yes, I would support OTOC in this effort”. City should work to implement more proactive opportunities to protect our children and vulnerable populations from fear of landlord retribution. Legislature should work on affordable, safe housing. Protect and expand Landbank efforts across the state</p>	<p>“No, not at this time.” The situation at Yale Park was devastating, but the city has taken good action for those tenants and rehousing them. It is not the legislators’ job to focus on specific cites- should be local, like La Vista’s policy. Confident City of Omaha will take the action needed. Confident that the city council and mayor will work with OTOC.</p>	<p>Yes. Reason this was allowed to happen was location (North Omaha) and to people of color. Should be city’s job to protect the rights of the poor, but if necessary will work to make protections at the state and federal level. Need accountability system for landlords like a score card, holding real estate companies accountable. Bad landlords would have things to fear, and good landlords would not.</p>	<p>Yes, supports a citywide policy, and Yale Park situation has shown that we should take statewide legislation. Property owners and landlords should be held to the same standards as business owners- you are liable for your product. Need proactive inspection policies. Predatory landlords should be taken out of the market. Gov’t should guarantee protections for vulnerable consumers, the renters.</p>	<p>City should get opportunity to fix the problem. If they do not act, then it is appropriate for the legislature to act. Solution should be measured- go after bad landlords, not imposing regulations on the good ones.</p>	<p>This is not a new issue, people have been preying on our vulnerable citizens for a long time, have worked with families in similar situations. Many approaches, like doing state inspections. If communities providing affordable housing want to raise their rates, should have to be inspected to show that it is quality housing.</p>	<p>Helped develop legislation to deal with this problem. The problem will be getting it passed. It’s a city centric problem that the city needs to deal with, but the state could set standards.</p>
<p>Question 2: Will you work with OTOC to review the report from the Banking Department once it is</p>	<p>“Yes, I would love to work with OTOC on this issue”. Closing opportunity gap is one of highest priorities. To reduce the opportunity gap</p>	<p>“Absolutely I will be willing to work with OTOC on payday lending”. Was very on board with LB 194- was a co-sponsor. Predatory is absolutely</p>	<p>Personal experience using the system, and those closest to the problem have the best solution, so yes, she would work with OTOC to find a better solution. Worked on the</p>	<p>I supported Sen. Vargas’ bill, and agree with OTOC that it didn’t go far enough. One emergency shouldn’t make you spend half the year in debt. Highest</p>	<p>“I’m happy to work with OTOC on this subject” LB 194 is a good start. Need to continue learning about the issue- the</p>	<p>Payday lenders are the closest thing to loan sharks. Would love to work with OTOC and everybody. Need more people across the state to</p>	<p>“Yes, I’ll work with OTOC on almost anything” Worked on the banking committee, had to use an incremental approach- “we</p>

<p>released in Dec. 2018 and determine what further steps are needed to address the continuing problems with payday lending in Nebraska?</p>	<p>and prison population, must address industries that target vulnerable populations. Nebraska payday lending has the highest interest rates by hundreds compared to all other states. Need to stop perpetuating this cycle of poverty.</p>	<p>unacceptable. Will look at report in December to see what has worked and if we need any changes made. Happy to work with Sen. Vargas, OTOC, and anyone else in this room to review report and see what changes need to be made.</p>	<p>testimony for LB 194. Location of Payday lenders targets working people who need financial literacy, and she wants to work on that as well- build strong foundation, and solve the problem at all levels. Minimum wage of \$9 is not a living wage. Need to ensure justice and equity for all.</p>	<p>values are freedom and transparency, and businesses need transparency. Will work with OTOC in the legislature to determine what further steps are need to protect consumers.</p>	<p>information from the banking department will be very helpful. Then get together to provide reasonable limitations. It needs to be properly regulated since people can't go to banks and we don't want them going to the "back alley" to loan sharks.</p>	<p>be educated about the process and other options besides payday lenders.</p>	<p>did as much as we could." Looking at the Colorado model. Will work with OTOC for an approach.</p>
<p>Question 3: Will you participate in efforts to address climate change through the Unicameral? What is your best policy idea?</p>	<p>Yes. Local government have lots of opportunities. The cleanest kilowatt is the one you don't produce. Would also support renewables, but would work on legislation for a program supporting energy efficient homes that don't lose energy (better insulation, windows, etc.). Would also help low income families save money for important things.</p>	<p>Yes. Market is demanding areas with renewable energy, so support OPPD and NPD for increasing wind and solar to lure business. Supports E-15 sold year round to help decrease pollution and support Nebraska agriculture. Legislative idea is to recruit more people to renewable energy by tax credit for renewable sources</p>	<p>Yes. Need to support agriculture and renewable energy. Do this through: -Create renewable portfolio standard -Regenerative Agriculture that improves longevity of soil and reduce output of greenhouse gasses. "I look forward to working with OTOC on this issue"</p>	<p>"Yes, climate change is real" We are all steward of the earth. Need to work to bring more renewable to power supply. Want to work with Sen. Blood and Wisher on their work. Eager to work with sitting senators and environmental experts. Believes in evidence based activism and will use that for evidence based policy</p>	<p>Yes. First- will acknowledge that climate change is real and manmade Policy solution- renewable energy- would continue past work from last time he was in the legislature like wind and other renewables.</p>	<p>Yes, will support OTOC. State needs to adopt a resolution stating that climate change is happening and is manmade. Conversation on renewables needs to be about minimum health standards for our kids.</p>	<p>Climate change is real, and disappointed US dropped out of Paris Agreement. Climate change is one of his leading issues. Yes, already made commitment to work on legislation- working with many community partners</p>

<p>Question 4: Will you work with OTOC to improve mental health and substance abuse treatment across Nebraska, including providing adequate funding in our community and correctional facilities? How will you take a leadership role?</p>	<p>Yes. We need to fight for increased provider rates. Address workforce shortages by supporting programs that put behavioral health trainees in correctional and state hospital settings. Will bring together providers, consumers, and payers with state insurance commissioner to insure parity at the state level.</p>	<p>Yes. Already taken a leadership role by participating in interim study- met patients in assisted living facilities that house mentally ill patients. Working on mental health court, similar to drug court. Will work to find funding. Also address emergency protective custody in criminal justice system. Our mentally ill people do not belong in jail.</p>	<p>Yes, but we need to look deeper into the communities that are disproportionately affected by their lack of access to services- black and brown people and people of low socio-economic status, and those in the Medicaid gap, like herself. There is no immediate help for people without insurance. We know the problems, but what are we doing about them. Need to support the support systems like the schools so they can provide quality and equity in everything.</p>	<p>Yes. Prevention is more effective and less expensive than a reactionary approach. Need to provide more services in school for kids who have been affected by poverty and learning disabilities. Support Sen. Walz bill that supported mental healthcare in schools but was vetoed. Used serves when she was a child, and as a mother, is concerned about the kids that fall through the cracks.</p>	<p>Yes. Chaired the investigative committee that looked into the department of corrections. One third of people in prison are on psychotropic medications. Will continue work on getting care in the prisons and will expand into the community for those services that are sorely needed.</p>	<p>Want to focus on how we fund mental health treatment, especially in our correctional facilities. Has ideas to modernize tax system. Want to speak for people that don't have a voice- her cousin died from suicide.</p>	<p>“Of course I'll work with OTOC” Worked on LR413 in 2016- knows that conditions are horrid, and Nebraska is one of the worst in the nation, and our prison population also has major mental health problems. Issue is budget priorities- need leadership. Mental Parity is a main priority, happy to be a leader.</p>
<p>Question 5: When Initiative 427 is passed by the voters, will you act to make sure that Nebraska's 10% cost share is funded and that the program is promptly implemented?</p>	<p>Yes. 110%. The most important thing to do by Nov. 6- Vote for 427. Will help 90,000 get insurance. Will generate revenue for the state. If we want to solve prison overpopulation, giving people access to their medication will reduce crime and recidivism.</p>	<p>If 427 is approved by the voters, I will make sure it is implemented. Has concerns about it, but that is irrelevant, because it is her duty as a senator to abide by the will of the people.</p>	<p>Emphatically, Yes. No one would say no to \$9 in exchange for \$1. People are being left out to dry, and we can't do that, especially children. She and her coworkers need this policy. People need to be able to work with dignity.</p>	<p>Yes. Is an uninsured person in the Medicaid gap. Has worked on Medicaid Expansion campaign and testified for it, and is a proud activist for medical care. Legislature should support business growth by creating local cultures of self employment, and Medicaid Expansion will do that.</p>	<p>Yes. Supported and argued for this bill when on the legislature. Fully understands it and knows it will be good for many aspects of Nebraska.</p>	<p>Healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Gives credit to Sen. McCollister for leading the fight in the legislature. Also thanks to him for being a proponent for internet sales tax which could fund the 10% of Medicaid.</p>	<p>Has sponsored some of the past Medicaid Expansion bills, and kept improving it. 90,000 that are in gap are the working poor, including from rural Nebraska. Will work to fund it and be a leader.</p>

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