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2018 County Supervisor Questionnaire

Answers for Mike Carberry Chairperson Johnson County Supervisor.

1. **Clean Water:** If elected, will you vote for a resolution calling for a moratorium on new or expanding factory farms until there are fewer than 100 polluted waterways in the state?

Yes. I already have done so, and I continue to support it. I led the effort on the Board to unanimously pass this resolution. Additionally, I led the Board to unanimously support a resolution to allow local control over siting of CAFOs and to create a stronger Master Matrix by asking them to sign onto the moratorium of IARA.

CAFOs and factory farms are the dominant cause of elevated nitrates in Iowa's streams which create public health problems for recreational use of the water and to treat drinking water. The solution needs to reach back to stop the pollution at its source. The solution needs to include measurable goals, mandatory practices, taxes on fertilizers, and increased funding.

2. **Immigration:** Will you ensure that local law enforcement will not be responsible for enforcing federal immigration law?

Yes. I led our Board to support our County Sheriff's declaration that county law enforcement only comply with court-ordered mandates of federal immigration officials. We have declared Johnson County a "Welcoming Community" and not a "Sanctuary County",

Along with city police, our county sheriff officials have worked diligently to gain the trust of immigrant communities, and they rely on them to help keep the wider county a safer place. We started a Community ID in Johnson County and violent crime is down 11 percent since then.

3. **Raising the Wage:** How will you use your "bully pulpit" as an elected official to promote a statewide living wage of \$15/hour?

In 2015, I was the deciding vote to raise the Johnson County minimum wage to \$10.10/hour indexed to inflation over two years. After being stripped of local control, our Board recently symbolically raised the county minimum wage to \$10.27/hour to continue our progress.

I have supported those who have received pledges from more than 160 local businesses to continue to pay the increased minimum wage. I support a

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"Livable \$15/ hour indexed to inflation. My support has gone to Governor Candidate Cathy Glasson who advocates a \$15/hour minimum wage. I agree with Our Revolution's position that a \$15/hour minimum wage is a defining issue in the Governor's race and legislative campaigns.

4. **Climate Justice:** What is your plan to achieve 100% clean energy for 100% of the residents of your county?

I have supported solar power on five building projects in Johnson County. I am leading Solarize Johnson County, a program to allow county residents to buy solar panels in bulk to receive additional savings over and above the state and federal tax credits. I was the lobbyist for the Iowa Solar Energy Trade Association (ISETA) when the Iowa Solar Tax Credit was passed.

I insist on LEED certification for all new buildings. I continue to sit on the state boards of the Iowa Wind Energy Association, Iowa Sierra Club and 1000 Friends of Iowa.

My 15 years as an environmental lobbyist and organizer help me direct popular support for solar and wind. I have also fought utility companies to stop two coal plants and a nuclear plant, and I will continue to use those skills to influence our utilities and residents toward 100% clean energy.