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2018 County Supervisor Questionnaire

Please limit your response to each question to 150 words or less.

1. **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 will support a moratorium. I support increased site control over CAFOs, local control and a moratorium on CAFOs. Iowa does not need 45,700 more confined animal feeding operations. We need to elect legislators that care more about our health, air quality, water quality and quality of life than they do about out-of-state corporate ag.

2. **Immigration:** Will you ensure that local law enforcement will not be responsible for enforcing federal immigration law? Yes, I will work to ensure that local law enforcement will not enforce federal immigration law. A number of years ago, when the Sherriff detained someone over a holiday, I contacted him with my concerns. I was pleased to work with him to create a policy that Johnson County would not partake in detaining people for ICE; nor would our employees participate in ICE raids. I signed a joint statement with the Sherriff outlining our policy. We are currently looking at legal options to deal with legislation passed this year targeting Johnson County and Iowa City – the so-called Sanctuary Cities bill. I've been proud to stand with our immigrant population and to speak at a number of rallies, including the DACA rally and Muslim support rallies. I will continue to work every day to make Johnson County an open and welcoming community to all.

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

I am proud to have been a part of raising minimum wage in Johnson County and helping lead a statewide discussion on how a minimum wage of \$7.25 is not sustainable for any worker. It was the easiest "controversial" vote I have ever taken. In 2017, the Legislature took away our local control to enforce the minimum wage ordinance. While they might have won for the moment to lower wages on thousands of hard working Iowans, I do not believe that is the end of the story.

The Board of Supervisors voted to raise minimum wage again in Johnson County to \$10.27. By raising wages, we can help those fighting to survive on minimum wage have a stronger voice. We must all challenge the Iowa Legislature and Governor to address poor wages in Iowa. As a member of the Board of Supervisors, I will continue to be a voice and an advocate for working toward a more livable wage of \$15.

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

The County is a leader in sustainability. I am proud of the work I have done to contribute. We added five solar projects and will soon add a sixth.

Other highlights include: greening the County's fleet; building greener roads and bridges; "Bicycle Friendly Business Gold Award"; water quality and flood mitigation; stormwater

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management; habitat-friendly and less-care roadsides; energy-efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction; less paper usage and more composting; and a commitment to Honor the Paris Climate Accord.

We continue to add conservation acres and trails to our system. In 2016, the County earned the 1000 Friends of Iowa Best Development Innovative Leadership award. I proposed and we have twice funded block grants to our nonprofit partners for them to green their operations and buildings. We recently kicked off the Solarize Johnson County program to help residents install solar with bulk discounts. I will keep fighting for clean energy.