

## Aspire North 2022 Candidate Questionnaire

Full name: Kellie Sergent

Office running for: Village of Elk Rapids Council Trustee

Current position/occupation: Realtor

List previous campaigns, elected office(s), boards, commissions, etc.:

Aspire North Board of Realtors, Elk Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

Why are you running for office? I am interested in the welfare of the community  
I live and do business in and believe I can be a valuable asset to the council.

Briefly describe your campaign strategy My goal is to listen to the citizens, understand their needs and wants  
for the community and be available to them in a variety of formats to express those ideas in an inclusive manner.

Why do you think you will win? I think I will win because I have been very involved with the Elk Rapids community  
since moving here 14 years ago, I have sat on various committees, volunteered my time for events and causes,  
I am a friendly person to all and a good listener, I think people can identify with me because I am approachable and listen.

How many votes do you need to win? I'm unsure, there are 3 seats and 4 candidates running.

Are REALTORS actively helping with your campaign? I have the support of many local Realtors.

What are your thoughts on the Village of Elk Rapids' municipal budget? Budget cuts, increases, or funding initiatives you support? Service you believe could be delivered more efficiently? This is a topic I would need to dive more into to fully understand the depth of where our municipality stands.

I think that our DPW does an excellent job of services, I know that our Parks Dept works hard to keep our public spaces safe and available.

I support a budget that is forward thinking, that creates some room for growth, while being fiscally responsible to its citizens.

The shortage of housing inventory is a big topic among our Aspire North membership and the community at large across our area. Does local government have a role to play in this realm? If so, what do you think a local government can reasonably do to address housing supply concerns?

Yes, I believe local government plays a major role in this. Specifically through zoning and master plans. We need to think outside the box with some of our more archaic ideas of what a community must look like. Thoughtful changes to zoning can and will make a huge impact on housing supply. The mentality that it has always been this way so should continue is an idea of the past.

Land use continues to be a highly debated issue, including those elements centered around planning and zoning. Are there specific policies or zoning restrictions you support or oppose? I support thoughtful growth. I support policies that are not over-reaching of personal property rights and what one is able to do on their own private property. I support the idea of mixed use zones that allow a combination of residential and commercial to co-exist.

Should local governments use zoning to prohibit rental of a residential property on a short-term basis? No, I do not think they should.

Should the government be allowed to require a property owner to bring something up to code as a condition of property transfer? This is a slippery slope and can mean a lot of different things. For example, one township in Antrim County requires a point of sale, while no other townships do.

There are many facets to this topic and one worth having an open conversation about to understand the financial impact on the property owner/purchaser.

How and on what issues would you utilize Aspire North's input? Housing specifically, property rights, legislation that is impacting these two specifically. Accessibility to any stats in the region impacting the County this position resides in.