

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CREATING AN EQUITABLE ENVIRONMENT

- ◆ In accordance with the 2015 Fair Housing Act, and ruling opinion of the United States Supreme Court, it is Orange County's responsibility to spread access to affordable housing in both low and high-income communities.
- ◆ When we create low-income housing projects, we must ensure that they are constructed with reasonable and usable features. Fiscal responsibility begins with the prerequisite of being rational.
- ◆ Currently, affordable-housing planners do not consider the school zone in which the housing project resides. If the housing project happens to be in the attendance zone of an overcrowded school, impact fees can triple. Christine is committed to exploring the abatement of impact or capacity- enhancement fees. She also has committed to working with school board members and chair-elect Teresa Jacobs to identify the most logical areas to launch affordable housing projects.

THE SADOWSKI FUND & PERMIT PROCESS

- ◆ There has to be coordinated lobbying efforts in Tallahassee to replenish the state's Sadowski Fund. Consistently, doc stamp taxes were meant to supply the Sadowski Fund, but they have instead been reallocated into general revenue to balance the budget.
- ◆ Locations that can accommodate affordable housing projects ought to be put on a fast-track process for permitting procedures.
- ◆ The board of county commissioners can work with developers to identify parcels that are shovel-ready to accommodate a fast-track permitting process.



This is an issue that is deeply personal to me and my family, and I'm committed to finding comprehensive solutions to the affordable housing crisis.



When our communities are strong, our county is even stronger!