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Thank you for serving our city. I typically vote for whoever I think would listen to the plea for compromise. If a more conservative politician will listen and budge on social issues and be honest about them - that's my vote. If a liberal Democrat might listen to their opposition and seek compromise - my vote goes there.

KC tenants is often represented by a family member. Especially when a top economist is needed for the newspaper. I've also served real estate investors as a contractor for over a decade. They were certainly not looking out for my interests nor our housing supply in the bigger picture. At the same time, if they didn't exist following the Great Recession, our KC neighborhoods would still be in bad shape. I took care of thousands of foreclosures after the crisis. With babies on the way, \$12 an hour wouldn't cut it. I ran by the books. W2 employees and paying my taxes because that's another way to support my community. But they couldn't afford me. As an urban studies major with a degree in Organizational leadership I hoped to help pioneer fair pay and stable jobs in the recession. And it would have been hard to have a higher percentage of minorities in construction than I had. With a nonprofit focus, I was not cut out for the old system in place. Figured if my family could raise generations (after immigrating to northeast from Sicily in the 60s) with construction jobs then it might be able to happen on the non union side. Residential Remodeling does not have a union.

Tyler Shirk of BearBnb is a friend. While all these exploiting money hungry people enter in these spaces- he is different. Perhaps Airbnb in neighborhoods can't be sustained. But if it can, and there can be a model for other cities around the country- my hope is that it would be because of genius compromise. It's much easier not the compromise. To only appease the loudest. But i think KC is a great town with great leadership. Do the harder thing. Talk to Tyler and seriously find out if a better conflict can be solved. He's your guy. At the very least, he cares about people and this city.

Thank you for your time. And thank you for putting the energy in to make it a nice place for all types of people.

James Carollo