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for **MAYOR**

What are your strategies to help ensure affordable housing in the city?

How quickly can remedies be implemented to help with affordable housing?

I have been on the City Community Development Committee for 12 years. In that role, I have worked with my colleagues to become one of the leaders in providing affordable housing in our region. One area I will focus on as Mayor is creating affordable housing in perpetuity. As a recent example, I supported the initiative for the City to acquire Bayview Apartments in downtown Charleston. Doing so would allow the city to preserve 300 affordable housing units on the Peninsula in perpetuity. It was the right thing to do for our city and for the residents living there. Unfortunately, Mayor Tecklenburg, unfortunately, opposed buying the property. Instead, he wanted to allow the private sector to buy the units and ultimately convert them to market-rate housing. The continued push for higher density market-rate projects in the City is driving up land values and subsequently making it more difficult to build affordable housing. As Mayor, I will work with my colleagues on City Council to create an affordable housing zoning code that will help drive down the cost of building affordable housing in Charleston. Mayor, I will continue to support those initiatives as well as find new opportunities to connect our communities across the city so citizens are given the opportunity to have choices on how they move throughout our city.