



**Delaware County Council Candidate Interview
Lin Axxamethy Floyd**

1. Why are you running as a candidate for the Delaware County Council?

I've lived in Delaware County since 1985. It is home to me. I believe that the county should adopt programs and policies that are beneficial for the entire county. I think that we can do a much better job with regional planning and regional discussion. My goal would be to open up discussion. I would like to use the county as a meeting place and a forum to make decisions for the county as the whole.

2. What are the most pressing issues facing the county and what are your plans to address them?

The Democratic slate has had the bankruptcy foreclosure issue. The Bar Association had to go over to Montgomery County to discuss this issue. This is a huge issue for us. We are very interested in looking at this issue to set up some kind of process. We would like to explore ways of making sure that people do not have to leave their homes.

3. In terms of the 2012 county budget, how should the County Council address the issue of falling revenue and increased demand for services caused by the slow economy?

My experience with budgets was with Nether Providence. I saw the impact. The county gets its revenue through to cost cut in areas where suddenly the municipalities have to pay—that still have tax payers raise taxes. I wish the county would look at an economic impact statement. So that there is more transparency in terms of where the money is going. You cannot ignore that.

4. Would you support property tax reform in Pennsylvania that gives greater authority to the commonwealth to mandate more regular county-wide tax assessments?

I would have to research this a bit more to know exactly what this means. I am concerned about the schools' funding, so I would to see a more dependable and equitable system. I would be concerned about handing everything to the state legislature. There has to be a way of setting those algorithms that is reality based.

5. REALTORS® are very knowledgeable about their communities and the real estate industry. As a member of the Council, how would you utilize this expertise? Would you consider appointing individuals recommended by our organization to real estate related boards and commissions at the county level?

Certainly. The ability to have various viewpoints in county appointments is really important. There seems to be a fairly limited pool of people that they choose from.



- 6. Access to accurate real estate records is an important issue for our REALTOR® members. Would you support funding to the Recorder of Deeds and Assessment offices to ensure availability and accuracy of this information?**

We have to move into an era where you can get these things off of the internet. We need to modernize. How we pay for it—that's a different question. But we should move in that direction.

- 7. Suburban Philadelphia is currently one of the fastest growing regions in Pennsylvania, how do you plan to manage projected population shifts at the county level? How does housing fit into this plan?**

I have been involved with the First Suburbs Project, and I am on the board now. We are looking at the whole region and looking at the assets that are in the first ring suburbs and renew them and more toward a more regional discussion. We need to find better ways of dealing with the population problem. We need to rescue the assets that exist. Can we do a better job of renewing what we have?

- 8. Have you been endorsed by any political party or organization?**

Democrats, the Nether Providence Democrats, Equality PA, and the Sierra Club.

- 9. Why should a REALTOR® vote for you?**

I've worked in a corporate setting, and I retired in 2005. I worked for Dupont in their legal department in the field of patent work. I understand the big picture. I like facts. I will look at whatever is going on and learn about. We have not been able to get a detailed budget from the county. I am inclusive. I would to get information from a lot of different people. I want to contribute to the overall housing quality.

NOTE: Candidates may provide written responses to these questions in lieu of, or to supplement answers given in, an interview. Candidates are also invited to submit a biography and photo.

Unless the candidate specifically denies permission, the SRA reserves the right to use candidate's responses to the above questions, and photos, for the purpose of educating its members about the candidate's positions.

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