

DETROIT ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA QUESTIONNAIRE

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QUESTION: Detroit suffers from very high rates of asthma, cancer, and lead poisoning, all influenced by our heavily polluted environment. These problems impact children's ability to learn and adults' ability to work. What would you, as an elected official, do to improve Detroit's environment?

ANSWER: I would focus on developing urban forestry, complete streets, and emphasizing blue infrastructure. As a councilperson, I would like to replant street trees and plant trees to clean the air and absorb storm water. Complete streets that provide cycling options and non-motorized transit access will continue to reduce our carbon footprint. As a cyclist, I will promote developing an infrastructure that will make others feel comfortable cycling in the city. The continued storm water challenges the Detroit Water and Sewerage Dept. faces should be dealt with by developing more blue infrastructure systems. I would like to

unearth creeks as part of the natural storm water management. Overall, I will continue to be an advocate for developing cleaner safer communities. In the Mayor's office I took a leading role in handling the Pet Coke situation, resulting in one of the facilities shutting down.

Q: How would you, as an elected official, be an advocate for resident efforts to improve neighborhood quality of life?

A: Neighborhood quality of life stems from our neighbors themselves and making our communities more livable. As a councilman with a background in public service, I understand that collaboration and empowerment are key when addressing neighborhood concerns. I would work with neighborhood associations and block clubs to help them leverage the non-profit and small business communities. I would also work to be District 5's biggest recruiter, attracting more residents to fill our vacant homes and more businesses to invest in our neighborhoods. By helping residents

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negotiate city government and connecting them to the resources they need, we can work towards improving the quality of life for all Detroiters.

Q: In the interests of environmental justice, how would you work to alleviate disproportionate environmental burdens in the city?

A: Working with residents to educate each other about the inequalities that exist would be my first step. With informed neighbors and relationships that can span all over the city, best practices can be shared, adapted, and implemented towards addressing the environmental concerns in District 5.

Q: The City needs to be an advocate for higher environmental standards. If you are elected, how do you envision using the Detroit Environmental Agenda as a tool to create policies that improve the city's environment?

A: I think using the Detroit Environmental Agenda in conjunction with the relationships I've made at the state and local level will help to ensure that environmental needs are met. Promoting environmental justice not only improves the health of our city, but

it also provides opportunities for economic innovation. I was instrumental in getting the Regional Transit Authority legislation through and will continue to champion an improved public transit system for our city. Also, I recognize that District 5 has varied needs in regards to the environment, so I would ensure that neighborhood voice is present when addressing those needs. "Communitized" care for spaces in District 5 is happening organically by residents tending to vacant lots on their blocks. As a councilperson, I'll support these efforts and unlock the resources residents need to grow their neighborhoods.

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