

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 think it’s important that we put in place ordinances that require individuals and businesses adhere to environmental codes. We have to work at making Detroit a clean and healthy city, which would enhance the quality of living for our residents. Dumping, littering and polluting will not be tolerated and ordinances against it will be strictly enforced.

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

A: As I stated above making business adhere to codes. In my district there are

industrial areas, we have to ensure that these businesses aren’t polluting the air or the soil through illegal actions.

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

A: Strict city code enforcement, fines and court action if necessary.

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 would have to read the agenda first before making an informed comment about it but in general those things that will protect the quality of life in my district and the city of Detroit I do support.