

# DETROIT ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA QUESTIONNAIRE

## DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATE

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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 encourage the enforcement of the current lead ordinance properly—it is one of the most stringent in the country, but not enforced. I will work with residents to find solutions to air pollution regarding factories as well as GDRRA. If I am elected, I will ensure that the Green Task Force (which I helped create) will continue to exist and help improve our community. I will encourage remediation of contaminated sites and improving environmental concerns that involve health risks of various types.

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

**A:** I will be a voice for residents of District 2 that will demand quality of life improvements! I will work with non-profits, community groups, and corporations to promote quality of life initiatives such as park improvements, blight removal, grass cutting, abandoned home removal and/or deconstruction, transportation improvement, and pollution remediation. I will work with the community to find creative ways to fund quality of life improvements.

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

**A:** I will fight for the environmentally burdened people, whether in District 2 or not. Blight removal, environmental regulation and stewardship will be a requirement in my mind.

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Currently there are many violations of current laws and the violators have largely gone unpunished. I will work to enforce current laws and create new ones where necessary. I believe that NO Detroit resident shall live in fear of his or her life because of pollution.

**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:** The Detroit Environmental Agenda is crucial to the rebuilding of the City of Detroit. I will support City Council's Green Task Force, I will advocate for the highest environmental standards in City Council from DWSD to GDRRA to enforcing the lead ordinance, to advocating for transportation reform, energy savings in city buildings, to creating a complete bike trail system. I will use the Detroit Environmental Agenda

to help mold Detroit into a healthy, safer, better place to live. I will engage community leaders that created the agenda and others to make sure the city has benchmarks that are reached and that the goals are achieved. This is a quality agenda that is obtainable. Many are aware of my years of commitment to environmental issues in Detroit, and I will continue to fight for environmental justice in Detroit.

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