

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: Press to ensure that ordinances that relate to the environment and the cleanliness of such is being complied. Through research, if necessary, revise ordinances that may conflict with a clean environment and equally important, introduce ordinances to improve our environment. If there are impediments, have all appropriate entities come together to discuss ways to deal with adverse conditions, enhance laws that may be available, seek out best practices, etc.

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

A: One of my major concerns, which will receive attention if funds allow, is to reintroduce and/or improve on the model of “Keep Detroit Beautiful.” This concept was an active and viable activity some 30 years ago that received funding from businesses to provide stipends and/or cleaning supplies to groups to remove debris or spruce up areas of the city. There was even a component for youth involvement. It should be revisited and given proper attention. I’m a firm believer that the image of a community and a neighborhood is defined by its aesthetics, and image is everything.

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

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A: As the legislative branch of city government, laws/ordinance must be in place to deal with all environmental concerns. However, there are several environmental-oriented city departments that can be of assistance. As a council person, I can push for attention to adversities relative to some sections of the city being overburdened with environmental imbalances.

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: Cooperation between Council, relative city departments and/or other agencies is the key to collaborating and improving our environmental issues. As mentioned in an earlier question, our involvement comes

into being through the laws we introduce or the ordinances that exist. Further, there are ordinances on the books that need to be enforced by either our law enforcement agency or by other sources.

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