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## Climate Resilience Ordinance

The DEA supports passing the Climate Resilience Ordinance, a municipal law that will help the City reduce greenhouse gas emissions incrementally through 2050. This law will help protect residents, especially our low-income communities of color, from impacts of climate change (e.g. extreme weather).

**Q:** What are your priorities to reduce emissions and lessen the impacts of climate change in Detroit during your term in office?

**A:** My priority is to support the DEA (Detroit Environmental Agenda) with the passing of the ordinance.

## Sustainability & Equity

Sustainable and equitable development requires our City officials to balance public health and environmental needs with economic growth and job creation. When new projects and developments are under consideration, all too often economic interests may outweigh critical environmental concerns, that are likely to decrease the quality of life for residents, especially low-income, people of color, and other vulnerable communities.

**Q:** As you consider development proposals in your role as an elected official, how would you balance economic interests and environmental concerns?

**A:** They are equally important to the City. The need for employment is great, however, we cannot sacrifice the environment when creating new jobs. My goal is to find the correct balance for both to exist.

## Air

The DEA supports the air quality improvements recommended in the Community Action to Promote Healthy Environments (CA-PHE) Detroit Air Quality Public Health Action Plan:.

**Q:** Share up to three air quality improvements you will work to enact during your term in office. Explain how.

**A:** (1) The placing of air quality monitors in communities with the greatest need. (2) Educating the communities that are greatly impacted by industry about the causes and impacts of poor air quality, and the resources available to them. (3) Hold town hall meetings when issues arise.

## Waste

Recycling brings value back into the waste stream, reduces negative effects of disposal (including toxic emissions, leakages, and lost resources and energy), and creates the potential for new markets. Detroit has an opt-in curbside recycling program limited to single households and residences up to four units. Given your role, share the strategies and policies for waste reduction and reuse you will support in response to the question below.

**Q:** How will you work to increase recycling options for all residents, including people who live in apartments?

**A:** Attend community meetings in areas that have established organizations informing the residents about the benefits of recycling, have resources at district meetings, and provide the information in monthly newsletters and emails.

**Q:** How will you work to increase diversion of waste from the incinerator, for use in industry and commerce?

**A:** Use best practices in the industry, and meet with the appropriate representatives from the incinerator to implement them.

## Land Use and Food Access

The City of Detroit owns 24 square miles of structure-free, vacant land that can be put into private hands for productive use.

**Q:** What is your top priority for publicly-owned land in Detroit?

**A:** Maintain them to avoid any negative impact to the communities they are located in. Encourage residents to purchase the property, and with the assistance of non-profit organizations develop the land into community assets (playgrounds, community gardens, etc).

Healthy food and urban agriculture are surely connected in Detroit. Accessing healthy, culturally-appropriate food can be a challenge. Residents depend upon the network of gardens and farms that exist throughout Detroit for sustenance.

**Q:** Given your role, what would you do to ensure that residents have access to healthy, culturally-appropriate food?

**A:** Partner with organizations such as Gleaners, Eastern Market, and Focus: HOPE to provide access to the targeted communities through outreach or providing transportation to the aforementioned organizations.

## Water

Detroit is a Great Lakes city. The DEA supports the Detroit Water Agenda, which provides recommendations for ensuring all Detroiters will have access to affordable, clean, safe water to drink and use. It encourages water conservation and endorses effective models of resilient water management, which embrace a basin-wide perspective and integrated planning of urban development, green and gray water infrastructure.

**Q:** Share up to three Detroit Water Agenda recommendations you will work to enact during your term in office. Explain how.

**A:** I will work to enact recommendations items 4, 5 and 1 through advocacy and education. Many residents are not aware of impacts associated with recommendations. Educating consumers about these issues is a priority.

Green stormwater infrastructure helps manage sewage overflows, reduces basement flooding and builds healthier, more attractive neighborhoods. Residents, businesses, and places of worship can receive stormwater/drainage credits from the City to help build green stormwater infrastructure.

**Q:** How would you help people build green stormwater infrastructure and access to these credits during your term of office?

**A:** I will help the stakeholders by educating them about the benefits of green stormwater infrastructure, and advocate to secure resources to assist them with any changes required or desired.