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THE DETROIT ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA LAUNCHES 2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE
The Guide seeks to help Detroiters make informed decisions at polls

[Detroit, MI, June 22] The Detroit Environmental Agenda (DEA) held a press conference this morning at 10a.m. to announce the upcoming release of its 2021 Municipal Voter Guide. The DEA is a Detroit-based coalition of organizations, researchers, and businesses, founded in 2011, to advance environmental justice and sustainability in the City of Detroit. The purpose of the Voter Guide is to inform Detroiters voting in the upcoming primary election about candidates' environmental priorities. In the guide, candidates responded to questions regarding sustainable community development, zoning & air quality, water affordability & infrastructure, energy, transportation, recycling, composting, climate resilience & equity, green jobs, and housing. According to Laprisha Daniels, Executive Director at Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, the DEA's goal is "to make sure that voters can make informed decisions when they go to the polls." The DEA has been producing voter guides since 2013.

Daniels emphasized the importance of communicating candidates' stances on environmental issues, noting that Detroit is home to 5 of the top 25 most polluted zip codes in Michigan, including zip code 48217 at number 1. Raquel Garcia, Executive Director for Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision, stated, "We are excited to get this critical information into the hands of Detroiters for the Primary Election in August. We know that Detroiters are eager to exercise their voices through their votes. After the pandemic, they have questions about the people that will have the power to directly affect their families and their neighborhoods."

The DEA Voter Guide will be made available to the public next week. Once ready, it can be found on the DEA website and social media pages (links below):

- <https://detroitenv.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/DetroitEnvironmentalAgenda/>
- <https://twitter.com/detroitenv>

In the meantime, Individual candidate responses can be found at this link:

<https://detroitenv.org/2021-detroit-voter-guide/>

A video of this morning's press conference can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nDwowbG0rY&ab_channel=DWEJonline

Coalition members of the Detroit Environmental Agenda include: Alliance for the Great Lakes, Community Action to Promote Healthy Environments (University of Michigan), Center for Urban Responses to Environmental Stressors (Wayne State University), Community Development Advocates of Detroit, Detroit Dirt, Detroit Food Policy Council, Detroit Greenways Coalition, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, Eastside Community Network, FoodPLUS Detroit, Green Living Science, Henry Ford Health System, Keep Growing Detroit, Make Food Not Waste, Michigan Climate Action Network, Michigan Environmental Council, National Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter, Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision, Zero Waste Detroit.

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