



CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE

QUESTIONNAIRE

1 What is your motivation for running for this office?

to make considerable difference in the lives of all of our citizens.

2 What is your greatest virtue, especially as applied to stewardship and the law?

The greatest virtue is service to mankind and the employment of accountability and transparency. As a city official to uphold the laws and ordinances of the city to the extent that it doesn't disenfranchise the population.

3 If you currently attend a house of worship, what is the name of it and how often do you attend?

Presently, I serve as the pastor of Mt. Carmel CME Church.

4 What impact will your faith have on the performance of the duties of this office?

Faith has always been my foundation, guiding my principles.

5 How will you establish a good working relationship with the elected Mayor to ensure the city's success?

To work closely with the administration to the extent that information and ideas are shared equally.

6 Suppose the City Council faced a development proposal that meets all the regulations, yet a large number of citizens appeared before the City Council to stop it. How would you vote?

My vote will be predicated by the input from the citizens and the merits and economic viability of the project.

7 How would you stay informed about City issues and what the City Council is working on?

Read all materials pertaining to government both legal and compliance. Being abreast of both the Mayor Council Act as well as ordinances.

8 Have you thought about any legislation you are interested in seeing the City Council enact, repeal or revise? If so, what is it? What would you propose?

Tougher laws on absentee landlords, to make them more accountable to the cities and communities. The disparity needs to be implemented.

9 How will you determine the City's wants v. needs?

Developing a strategic plan for my district and an innovation plan for the City of Birmingham

10 What do you see as Birmingham's major challenges and assets?

Housing and economic parity, reducing crime in our city.

11 How long have you lived in Birmingham, and how would you characterize the City's quality of life? How should it be improved?

I have lived in Birmingham for 36 years. I think the quality of life is good but it needs improvement.

12 What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

I am distinguishable by my business acumen. My extensive knowledge of city government and my more than 20 years in economic development. My Projects I have been involved in include Railroad Park, Region's Field, the Birmingham Shuttlesworth Airport where I served as vice chair as well as the the CrossPlex Village development.

13 What issue is not getting enough attention?

Neighborhood revitalization and youth employment.
