



CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE
QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What is your motivation for running for this office?

Most of my adult life I've watched the decline of District 1. An area that has a median income of \$48,000 leaves me alarmed by the lack of Quality of Life. For entertainment and shopping we have to go to another city (Trussville, Gardendale and etc.) for the necessities of living. I want to SERVE the Needs of District 1

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

My Greatest Virtue is being Honest and Doing What's Right.

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

I'm a member of 23rd Street Baptist Church, Rev. James Dunn. However, I attend Faith Apostolic, Pastor Micheal Bender with my wife.

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

My faith will govern the way I conduct myself and my decisions. My moral compass will lead to the finally impasses of every decision.

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

Relationship building is one of my strongest attributes. Developing a clear line of communication with the elected Mayor will be the key to moving District 1 to the next level. My goal is to establish a workable plan with the Mayor with in the first 90 days and work the plan according for the next four years.

I humble give myself to the progress of District 1 by committing to work with my collages and listening to the citizens of District 1. I don't believe that every leader has to be in the fore front to lead. My collages at the Birmingham School Board trusted/voted me to serve as Vice President for 2 terms, LEADING From WithIn.

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?

I understand that this could be a very tricky situation. Even though my first thought is to always go with the "Citizen" no matter what! However, as we all know sometimes tough decision can be in the Best Interest of the City of Birmingham, and not just District 1. I hope not have to encounter a situation of this nature in District 1.

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

I will read the weekly reports and attend committee meetings regularly. The meetings I cannot attend I will have a staff member attend on my behalf. I plan to have bi/weekly debriefing meeting with my



staff to assure that I'm abreast of everything going on. I don't plan to be a bench warmer, I plan to play the entire game.

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?

Of course the Mayor Council Act needs a little work, to say the least. I would like to see a term limit imposed to local elected officials. I also believe that a TEAMWORK makes the DREAM Works! With that said would I Love to partner with my collages to move an agreed agenda forward to benefit the City of Birmingham.

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

The city "Needs" will be those things that will help the City grow economically and remain stable. The things that are essential to the quality of life. Examples; Trash Pick-Up, Equipping the police and fire department

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

Birmingham biggest asset is that we have "all that we need" to be a GREAT City. Birmingham has the resource, land, people, the tax base and the infrastructure to make Birmingham a progressive and attract people and/or companies from around the world.

Birmingham's GREATEST Challenge is the need for cohesive leadership. Right now Birmingham needs less politicking and more Public Servants. I believe all other issues such as crime and economic development would work hand- in- hand with the Strong leadership!

Once we begin to lead and work together for the betterment of the City and not worry about who will get the credit, we can flourish.

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 was born a raised in Norwood. We move to North Birmingham (Acipco/ Finley). I attend Birmingham City schools to include Huffman High School. I even attended college right here in Birmingham/ Homewood at Samford University. I started my family in District 1 in 1998. My children attend Birmingham City Schools.

I feel that in some area of Birmingham the Quality of is thriving. However, some area need different things to improve the quality of life. In some area improved housing opportunities will increase the quality of life. In District 1 economic development would move the district to the next level by attractive young professionals, increasing the property value and the quality of education.

For District 1, its simple; develop a realistic and workable plan to attractive small business owners to the area to give us restaurants, coffee houses, dinner theatre, trampoline zone, grocery store and/or others things that my neighbors and I travel to nearby cities to obtain for our quality of life.



12. What distinguishes you from the other candidates?

The most notable difference is my character, ethics and my ability to work with others. My willingness to lead with humility, descents and kindness for all.

My dedication to working with the elected School Board member to improve the quality of education in our district. I plan to form a close working relationship to include some administrative assistance from my councilor office.

Forming a closer relationship with the Neighborhood Presidents to provide some administrative services to support addition efforts, programs and funding to assist with community projects.

13. What issue is not getting enough attention?

The incumbents voting record “against” items that were good for District 1 and/or the City of Birmingham. Along with some general decision and/or Public Relation

- a. Voted against the Bond Deal that has the most money allocate for the roads in District 1 and now taking credit for the money
- b. Voted against the Pinson Valley Recreation Center
- c. Voted against the current location of Huffman High.
- d. Voted against Amendment 14 which could have put the Birmingham Police and Fire pension in jeopardy
- e. Promoting the expansion of KAM Tech which was already in the works from the company prior to the Councilor taking office
- f. Bringing Tazeki’s to District 1, which is clearly in Trussville.
- g. The lack of a workable economic development plan to address the “Quality of Life” to bring a grocery store, fine dinner, shopping and other needs/wants of the district.