

DC for Democracy 2010 Election Questionnaires

DC Council At-Large / Ward-Level

- 1) Why are you running for City Council, and if (re)elected, what are the three most important things you intend to accomplish in the near term?
- 2) What are the three most important issues facing the District of Columbia in the next decade?
- 3) What are your qualifications to serve as Council member?
- 4) In the context of the projected budget shortfall, do you believe the current budget discussions fairly balance increases in revenue against spending reductions, and fairly allocate the burden of revenue increases? If not, what would you propose?
- 5) The District of Columbia is suffering significantly higher unemployment than Maryland and Virginia in this recession. Describe your plan for broad-based job recovery.
- 6) If (re)elected, what will you do to create and protect affordable housing options for both home-buyers and tenants, and alleviate homelessness?
- 7) Do you think reform in the D.C. Public Schools is headed in the right direction? Explain your answer.
- 8) What policies do you recommend for reducing crime and increasing public safety in the District of Columbia?
- 9) What are the three most important steps that need to be taken to revitalize the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority?
- 10) If (re)elected, what steps will you take to invigorate the D.C. statehood movement?
- 11) A moratorium on earmarks was declared in Fiscal Year 2010. Do you think past practices for awarding earmark grants should be reformed? If so, how?
- 12) The District's election laws do not allow the rights of minorities to be subject to popular vote. Do you nevertheless think the District's new Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Law should be put up for popular vote? Why or why not?

DC Council Chair

- 1) Why are you running for City Council Chair, and if (re)elected, what are the three most important things you intend to accomplish in the near term?
- 2) What are the three most important issues facing the District of Columbia in the next decade?
- 3) What are your qualifications to serve as City Council Chair?
- 4) In the context of the projected budget shortfall, do you believe the current budget discussions fairly balance increases in revenue against spending reductions, and fairly allocate the burden of revenue increases? If not, what would you propose?
- 5) The District of Columbia is suffering significantly higher unemployment than Maryland and Virginia in this recession. Describe your plan for broad-based job recovery.
- 6) D.C. currently has a rainy day fund that is subject to restrictive local and federal rules. Do you support efforts to reform rules governing the use of this fund? Why or why not?
- 7) If (re)elected, what will you do to create and protect affordable housing options for both home-buyers and tenants, and alleviate homelessness?
- 8) Do you think reform in the D.C. Public Schools is headed in the right direction? Explain your answer.
- 9) If elected City Council Chair, what steps will you take to invigorate the D.C. statehood movement?
- 10) A moratorium on earmarks was declared in Fiscal Year 2010. Do you think past practices for awarding earmark grants should be reformed? If so, how?
- 11) Cite an instance in your public career where you have compromised with those with whom you have disagreed in order to achieve a larger goal.
- 12) The District's election laws do not allow the rights of minorities to be subject to popular vote. Do you nevertheless think the District's new Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Law should be put up for popular vote? Why or why not?

Mayor

- 1) Why are you running for mayor, and if (re)elected, what are the three most important things you intend to accomplish in the near term?
- 2) What are the three most important issues facing the District of Columbia in the next decade?
- 3) What are your qualifications to serve as mayor?
- 4) In the context of the projected budget shortfall, do you believe the current budget discussions fairly balance increases in revenue against spending reductions and fairly allocate the burden of revenue increases? If not, what would you propose?
- 5) The District is suffering significantly higher unemployment than Maryland and Virginia in this recession. Describe your plan for broad-based job recovery.
- 6) If (re)elected, what will you do to create and protect affordable housing options for both home-buyers and tenants and alleviate homelessness?
- 7) Do you think reform in the D.C. Public Schools is headed in the right direction? Explain your answer.
- 8) What policies do you recommend for reducing crime and increasing public safety in the District of Columbia?
- 9) What are the three most important steps that need to be taken to revitalize the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority?
- 10) If (re)elected, what steps will you take to invigorate the D.C. statehood movement?
- 11) Cite an instance in your public career where you have compromised with those with whom you have disagreed in order to achieve a larger goal.
- 12) The District's election laws do not allow the rights of minorities to be subject to popular vote. Do you nevertheless think the District's new Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Law should be put up for popular vote? Why or why not?

Shadow Representative

- 1) Why are you running for Shadow Representative, and if (re)elected, what are the three most important things you intend to accomplish?
- 2) What are your qualifications to serve as Shadow Representative?
- 3) Should statehood be the ultimate goal of the movement for D.C. rights?
- 4) If (re)elected, what two steps would you take in the short term to build momentum for the movement for D.C. rights?
- 5) If (re)elected, what would you do to build more active support from D.C. residents for the movement for D.C. rights?
- 6) If (re)elected, what would you do to increase awareness of the District of Columbia's lack of voting representation among those outside of the Washington metro area?
- 7) Present your vision for the national campaign for D.C. rights in the fifty states.

Delegate to the U.S. Congress

- 1) Why are you running for Delegate, and if (re)elected, what are the three most important things you intend to accomplish?
- 2) What are the three most important issues facing the District of Columbia in the next decade?
- 3) What are your qualifications to serve as Delegate?
- 4) Should statehood be the ultimate goal of the movement for D.C. rights?
- 5) What will you do to help bring about full voting representation in Congress for D.C. citizens?
- 6) If (re)elected, what would you do to increase awareness of the District of Columbia's lack of voting representation among those outside of the Washington metro area?
- 7) If (re)elected, what will you do to help create and protect affordable housing options and alleviate homelessness?
- 8) What would you advocate in order to revitalize the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority?

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