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Questionnaire Response

1. The Council of the District of Columbia are making great strides to reduce corporate donations. Needless to say- if elected. I will introduce and/or co-sponsor legislation to ban city contracts and tax relief to corporations. The corporations and Super PACs has never supported a candidate unless that candidate is open to big donors and a "machine" behind them.

2. I am a huge supporter of the ballot initiative in raising the minimum wage! The cost of living in this city has created a major strain to many of the Working Families, and individuals who are struggle to make ends meet. I can relate and understand the financial hardship- I lived it personally. We must raise the minimum wage- cast an ease of financial hardship, provide the people with scores of opportunity to get themselves out of poverty, living paycheck to paycheck; overall, a better quality of life.

3. I act aggressively to Legislate an initiative for qualified working, and low-income families to attain Child Care grants and vouchers. This initiative will propel parents to seek jobs, resume their educational journey, or even enhance their careers in the career field without worrying about how can they paid for their own Child Care cost!

4. I will take a proactive approach in preserving the current state of Affordable Housing. Creating an investment fund, collaboration with non-profits, and putting pressure on DC Housing Authority to provide and accomodate the low-income families & end the swelling of the Displacement & the homeless epidemic.

5. I believe the key to lowering crime in our neighborhoods is increased police presence in the form of foot and segway patrols. This will require that officers assigned to said areas are familiarized with the residents and small businesses within the neighborhoods that they are policing, building a repoire with community members that can improve their ability to do their job.

6. The most noticeable difference between my campaign and the current administration is that Mayor Bowser and her camp have always been strong supporters of big business and expanded development in our Nation's Capitol. I classify myself as a grassroots activist. I am in the trenches everyday, talking to community members and local residents. I listen and hear their concerns and struggle with the same issues that they do on a daily basis. I am not anti-development but I do believe that the residents of Southeast D.C. deserve a representative that is fighting for their best interest when large, multi-million dollar businesses are seeking to set up shop in their backyard. I would develop and support legislator that ensures that Ward 8 residents are receiving some of the benefits of these corporate deals and that companies are required to take some responsibility for problems within the neighborhoods that they are joining.