

Raphael B. Johnson

Age: 34

Current Occupation: Author/Motivational Speaker/National TV Personality (The Maury Show)

Education: University of Detroit Mercy, B.A. (Legal Administratio), University of Detroit M.A. (Liberal Studies)

Felony Convictions: Yes as a 17 year old juvenile. Second Degree Murder and Felony Firearms,1992

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Why are you running for Detroit City Council?

I owe the City of Detroit. The worst thing I could ever do took place when I was a misguided teenager and it cost the lost of life of an innocent man. I bring to the Council table a more hightened compassion for human life regardless of color, class, creed, religion or socio-economi status. I was resilient and able to bounce back and graduate from Cass Tech H.S. After paying the price for my actions and further atonement, I would graduate from UDM summa cum laude in the BA a Graduate (MA)programs. I am married with two children. I have my own business. Being extremely active in the communities and working with at-risk youth have earned me the Best Community Leader in the country award from Steve Harvey. Also I am contracted with the Maury Show to make interventions with out-of-control teens and controlling men. I want to serve as a posterboy for change, inspiration and hope. It's been a while since Detroit has had leadership that can inspire those who are not readily encourable. We need a face of change and I humbly submit myself to such.

What are your top 3 priorities for Detroit? *

1. Public Safety (Polic, Fire, EMT)
2. Creation of Jobs (Contracts, Regional Cooperation an attracting businesses to city)
3. Balancing the Budget (tax base, restructure government, downsize)

What have been your 2 greatest contributions to the public good? *

1. Engaging in self-improvement and development
2. Passion and dedication in helping impact the lives others (especially our youth).

What is the unique characteristic that makes you stand out among the 167 candidates running for City Council?

I best represent the self-change that we talk about wanting to see in the people of Detroit that we serve. Leadership must be the example of the change they want to see in the people. None of the other candidates have represented this to the hilt like I have/do.