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Subject: Charter Revision Commission Questionnaire from Cara Blount
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Please find answers to the questionnaire, a copy of my bio, kicker card and a picture. Note that there were two question #3s. I can be reached at 313.520.8877. Thank you for your interest.

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 Candidate for Detroit Charter Commission

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1. City government needs reform starting with charter revision; I am competent and capable of completing that task. The charter is too important not to have the most qualified people governing its revision. Our responsibilities as charter commissioners are to make revisions based on the will of the people, then submit the document for public vote.
2. I was a law enforcement officer for more than 28 years and I understand the importance of clear, concise language to assist in agency management. Additionally, I have chaired DPD boards tasked with formulating policy and I am currently the president of the Board of Directors of a non-profit agency and our neighborhood homeowners' association.
3. I have excellent organizational skills and prior to my retirement, I was given the task of establishing the Civil Rights Integrity Bureau at the Detroit Police Department.
4. I have been endorsed by the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association. I also have the support of grassroots community organizations.
5. B. the charter Revision Commission should consider fundamental changes in the structure of city government...

6. I would focus on;
 1. Electing Council by districts
 2. equalizing the balance of power between the mayor and the city council
 3. Strengthening the ethics provisions and the duties, functions & authority of the Ethics Board
7. B. Detroiters would be better served if most council members were elected by and accountable to single member districts.
8. I support changes in the way the police commission is selected. I would like to see some members appointed by the mayor, some appointed by council and one appointed by a neutral third party.
9. I agree with the current charter language referring to the way the two pension funds are governed; the pension boards and the city should be required to follow the language of the charter. Obviously, they are not.
10. Yes, I will participate in public forums

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