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1. I want to help make our City run more effectively. If elected, I plan to review, streamline and strengthen the entire City Charter; urge adoption of stronger ethics requirements and accountability for public officials and demand that neighborhood meetings be held to gather input and feedback for Charter changes.
2. I'm a former Detroit City Council staffer to the late Brenda M. Scott, former legislative assistant to State Senators Irma Clark-Coleman and Buzz Thomas.
3. City Council legislative assistant with a strong knowledge of the Detroit City Charter and a strong foundation in state government.
4. (B) The charter revision commission should consider fundamental changes in the structure of city governmental, such as the way authority is apportioned between the mayor and the city council.
5. A. Changing how City Council members are elected. B. Strengthening the City's Ethics Ordinance. C. Developing more opportunities for resident participation.
6. B: Detroiters would be better served if most council members were elected by and accountable to single-member districts.
7. Would like the Mayor to continue to appoint the Police Chief but a Charter change that requires City Council approval similar to the Corporal Counsel.
8. No. But would like to City Council members to strongly encourage that their representatives submit to a mandatory orientation process that better prepares them for service on the Board.
9. Yes. Would most certainly participate in the public forums sponsored by the Detroit Free Press.