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### Answers to Questions:

1. I have the experience, temperament and demonstrated track record to provide the needed balance between the built in tensions of crafting a new charter. It is both my experience and the support of others that has prompted me to seek a seat on the Detroit City Charter Revision Commission.
2. The experience that has prepared me to play a constructive role on the commission includes (but is not limited to) my experience as a state legislator developing laws that adhere to the state constitution - as the new charter will have to. And my experience as the Wayne County Clerk serving as the keeper of the records.
3. I will provide experience setting standards, establishing and enforcing accountability. In addition, I bring a working knowledge of various types of government systems and structures with a commitment

to integrity, transparency and inclusion.

3b. Pending

4. (C) most closely represents my position which is to approach the commission with an open mind, a commitment to research and preserving that which best responds to community needs.
5. Although several critical areas within the charter raise concern, three of those areas include:
  1. Preserving city assets (water, COBO hall, parks, etc.)
  2. Council by districts/voting-at-large
  3. Term limits of mayor and city council
6. Although personally my position is to support council members being elected by and accountable to single member districts. As a charter commissioner I would be committed to those structures that prove most responsive to community needs.
7. Yes. And I am committed to the necessary review and research around changes pertaining to the selection, powers and composition of both the police chief and the police commission.
8. It is critical that we preserve and protect pension recipients while balancing our city's financial reality. This delicate effort has prompted my ongoing conversations and necessary research pertaining to the city's two employee pension funds. Actual or potential changes have not been determined at this time.
9. Yes. I will commit to participate in one to two public candidate forums sponsored by the Free Press.