

Detroit Free Press Questionnaire Response  
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Most recent office elected or appointed:

- a.) Appointed: Commissioner, Detroit Library Commission 01/08- Present
- b.) Elected :Board Member (District 2), Detroit Board of Education 01/01/06-12/31/07
- c.) Appointed: Board Member, Detroit Board of Zoning Appeals, 01/01/98-02/07
- d.) Appointed: Commissioner, Wayne County Planning and Development Commission 90-93

1. I went before the Detroit City Council requesting for certain amendments to be submitted to the voters of Detroit. I believe my service on the commission will allow for me to place some of those concerns and ideas on the table to be discussed and hopefully considered.

2. Since beginning as an intern to former city council president Erma L. Henderson in 1983, I have been a student of government. She required me to read and explain the 1973 city charter, as it related to the functions of our city government. She arranged for me to meet with city department heads, and even arranged for an internship in the ombudsman's office under the late Marie Farrell-Donaldson. An internship with former Wayne county commission chairman Art Carter and my employment with former state senator Jack Faxon, allowed for me to understand how those two units of government connect to city government through there guiding documents, the county home rule charter and the state constitution. I have drafted policy as a member of the Detroit Board of Education and even two ballot measures, the 2007 school board subpoena power authorization and the reform school board debit advisory question. The creation of the office of inspector general within DPS, was a dream in which I researched, prepared and introduced the initial recommendation to the Detroit Board of Education for its eventual approval.

3. I bring my years of knowledge and understanding in the legal and financial rules of engagement of municipal government. I understand the difference between a guiding document which establishes the rules and the policy or legislation which carries it out.

4. My Parents, Mildred Gaddis, Michigan Teamsters and the 17 organizations I have either requested or is being considered for endorsements are still pending. A few of the organizations I have not met with yet. I do anticipate broad support.

5. B. The charter revision commission should consider fundamental changes in the structure of city government, such as the way authority is apportioned between the mayor and the city council.

6. a.) A 7 member board of ethics (all residence of the city) responsible for recommending, overseeing compliance and prosecution of certain violations of the city charter wherein forfeiture of office is the penalty, the whistleblower and ethics ordinances. Comprised of: 2 current or retired judges nominated by the chief judge of the municipal court. 2 nominated by the state bar association and wolverine bar association (1 each respectively), one appointed by the mayor and city council each and 1 appointed jointly by the mayor and city council. With the staff and investigative arm of the board being an Office of the Inspector General appointed by the board to a 6 year term.

b.) Electing city council by districts with 2 at-large members being the council president and president pro-tem. Part-time and reduce the number to 7 members. Term limits of not more than 3 consecutive terms. Confirmation by city council in the selection department heads and certain other mayoral appointments.

c.) Creation of a 5 person Purchasing and Procurement Council within the finance department. Members would be residence of the State of Michigan appointed by the board of ethics who are not employees, vendors of the city, county or state. Members could not be an officer, employee or vendor of a unit of government for 2 years prior to service on the council and with the city as an officer, employee or vendor for 4 years after service. The council through its staff (formerly the purchasing division) would be responsible for executing of the purchasing ordinance, issuance of bids and recommending the awarding of all city contracts to the city council. Any contract holds by city council members must be posted on the city of Detroit website with the reasons. Any hold on a contract beyond 14 days shall require a 2/3 roll call vote of member serving to continue. Also, providing for a non-interference provision for the mayor, city council or any other city official with a penalty of forfeiture of office for egregious and deliberate violations.

7. B. Detroiters would be better served if most council members were elected by and accountable to single-member districts.

8. I support the police chief being appointed and removed with cause by the mayor with the approval of the city council. The 5 member board police commissioners being appointed by the mayor and city council individually and jointly. A police department non-interference provision for the mayor and council and require them when dealing with the department to do it solely through the chief of police.

9. State law dictates the minimal composition for the governance structure of the employee pension fund boards. However, I would require an ordinance be established to allow for public comments during a 72 hour web posting period on certain high risk investments. The definition of high risk would be determined under rules established by the auditor general. The auditor general or a designee would be an ex-officio trustee on the fund boards without a right to vote, but could speak on any matter before the fund boards.

10. I do commit to participate in one or two public candidate forums sponsored by the Free Press.