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What do you consider to be your relevant experience that qualifies you to be a Charter Commissioner?

-A Detroit based Business owner and employer for over a decade.

-Graduate of Wayne State University Labor Studies program and UAW-CAP member, I offer strong leadership, organization and grassroots approaches to research, development of policies, processes and economic responsibility.

-A community advocate who has led volunteer efforts for several community organizations including United Way and Habitat for Humanity along with other programs that empower citizens to be the change on issues that impact our community.

-Proposal writing experience with clear concise language.

-Effective communicator.

How do you feel about Detroit's current "strong mayor" system of government?

I support a "strong mayor" system of government in which the citizens are empowered to elect its leadership. As in any effective business there must be a clearly defined chain of command. However, I believe appointments of department leaders should be recommendations of Mayor for approval of appointments by Detroit City Council.

How do you think we should change the City Charter to improve the Ethics and Accountability of our elected and appointed city officials?

I would like an Ethics and Accountability committee of 7-11 members made up of appointments from leaders in the community, business and legal entities of the City. The charter language should clearly

define the authority of an Ethics and Accountability committee and detail guidelines to investigate and enforce misconduct.

Do you favor electing City Council by districts? If NO - Why? If YES -What kind of district structure do you foresee?

I am a strong proponent of Council by District. I foresee election of leadership by district with President and Pro-Tem, as at-large positions will improve accountability, economic responsibility, increased communications and a strong network that works for the residents.

What should be the guiding principles under which Charter Commission should identify, deliberate, and address issues?

The current charter provisions are vague and many do not address current or foreseeable future trends in city government. Discussions on revisions that make a greater impact on residents and city government should be held in open public forums that serve to clarify language and purpose of revision for the best interest of its stakeholders. Any revisions recommendations should be written clear and any adoptions should be transparent reflecting accountability and the collaborative efforts of commission.