



Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire

*The following questions present an opportunity to learn more about your views on key community issues and your vision for the City of Dallas. **Please complete and return no later than 11:59PM on Monday, February 20, 2023.** All candidate questionnaires will be published on our website. Late questionnaires will not be accepted for endorsement evaluation.*

1. What are the top 3 issues facing your district?

1. Affordable workforce housing with an anti-gentrification policy
2. Need for more living wage jobs with access to affordable health care
3. Environmental Justice policies that will move toxic air polluting businesses of West Dallas

2. What are the top 3 policy priorities you plan to advocate for in the first 90 days of your term?

1. Implementation of the new economic development plan
2. implementation of the first ever Racial Equity Plan
3. Expansion of two new TIF districts one in West Dallas and one in KoreaTown/Asian Trade District

3. How have you contributed toward the reduction of crime and incarceration throughout your career?

Yes, in the last term I was able to reduce arrests and fines of our teen curfew policy and with amendments I proposed to lower the fines and create a 3 strikes before citation rule, the number of youth of color has dropped drastically across Dallas and especially in District 6. I have also supported the passage of new policies that The City now goes to see those about to be released months ahead of time to help those about to be released to get identification and prepare them for release with job training programs. I also advocated for the RIGHT CARE total city expansion which sends mental health professionals instead of cops to those calls. Successfully got Chief Eddie Garcia to create a policy that officers no longer cite those with 2oz of marijuana in their possession and works with District Attorney Creuzot to no longer prosecute those with 4oz or less of marijuana. Lastly, for the first time ever Dallas has an alcohol detox facility so that instead of taking those with public intoxication issues to jail, they can be dropped off for medical professionals to help them detox with no citation and jail time.

4. What can a Councilperson do to affirm Black residents' trust in local government?

First, by listening and continuing to advocate for policy changes that overwhelmingly affect Black residents in the negative and creating new policies that include bringing Black people to the table to help us write those policies. For far too long Black people have not been at the table to write good policy with their voices being heard.



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5. What will make your tenure on the council different from your predecessor's (if you are an incumbent, your previous term)? Specifically, what aspects of the previous two years would you like to see change/have done differently? What are your priorities going forward?

I want to create an economic development working group that will work directly with the Black constituents to learn how to maneuver city hall for programs, development and permitting specific to small businesses which are the backbone of our economic development plan.

6. What role, if any, does socio-economic status (housing, education, poverty, and transportation, for example) contribute toward public safety?

Residents that have access to racially equitable programs and opportunities see a vast decrease in crime and victimization. We have seen a direct reduction of crime in Black and Brown neighborhoods that I represent by having brought forward these racially equitable programs for housing, home repair, seniors, parks and recreation, and arts.

7. How do we remedy the historical and systemic injustices experienced by Black Americans in Dallas?

By continuing to invest equitably into these communities where Black people live that have historically been neglected. The new Racial Equity Plan will be one way we will see systemic changes actually happen as The City is forced to make these investments. I give major credit to City Manger T.C. Broadnax for helping us to carry this policy forward through its adoption.

8. As Dallas develops, affordable housing continues to be a pain-point in communities of color. Black communities and other communities of color are seeing themselves priced out of areas with generations of family history in order to welcome in expensive developments and more white, affluent residents. What are your plans for equitable development and protections for residents being disproportionately impacted by these projects?

The direct and immediate approaches of repair assistance and outright housing assistance are critical for fighting gentrification and allowing folks to age in place. We recently amended the West Dallas home repair program when we noticed that predominantly Black home owners were without home owners insurance due to the disrepair of their homes and could not access a policy. The amendment has allowed for 80 home owners that were once disqualified to now qualify and each will be helped to get a home owners policy upon completion of the repairs.



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9. The Black community experiences lower education performance compared to their peers. While the Dallas ISD board takes leadership over the schools, what opportunities do you see, from a city perspective, to support efforts made by our schools to close racial disparity gaps in educational attainment and proficiency scores?

Besides the continued SUP policy for Charter schools, we need DISD to continue to invest into historically divested communities. Recently DISD built a brand new \$200 Million Pinkson HS and nearly \$100million in new investments into West Dallas neighborhood schools. Adding a medical magnet into Pinkston and a new West Dallas STEM K-8 school. We are already seeing higher grades and more access to college and community college.

10. Economic access and opportunity have continued to be issues politicians have campaigned on but have failed to completely deliver for the Black community. What are your plans to increase access to jobs, training, and other opportunities to ensure greater economic progress in the Black community?

1. Implementation of the Racial Equity Plan
2. Continue to invest in affordable workforce house and home repair programs
3. Continue to expand city efforts to put Black people into city jobs as well as Black companies to receive procurement contracts

11. Reliable and affordable transportation options are critical for the sustainable growth and development of communities. Whether it is DART, our major streets and thruways, or walking/biking paths, Black residents depend on access to build community, work, and thrive. What are your plans to improve effectiveness of and access to transportation for Black communities and residents?

I am proud to be sponsoring policy for a program to give fareless rides for students K-12 via DART. This policy if passed would help countless Black families with added dollars into pockets and not into DARTs.

12. Broadband internet, especially since the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, has become increasingly key to access education, the economy, and community. Many residents lack reliable access in a city where technology is available and the industry is thriving. What are your plans to increase affordable access to broadband internet for Black communities?

I am proud that under my leadership as Chair of Transportation and Infrastructure an equitable program to expand WIF into historically divested communities is being worked on.

13. Equity, as a focus area, continues to be part of the ongoing conversation around policy and advocacy.

Please define equity and how the term guides your thinking on policy decisions.

The term equity refers to fairness and justice and is distinguished from equality. Equity means recognizing that we do not all start from the same place and must acknowledge and make adjustments to imbalances. The process continue to be on going and in my work I a constantly adjusting and reevuating policy.



14. Environmental Justice is critical to elevating communities which have received a disproportionate share of the impact of industry and development. What have you done and/or plan to do to improve the environment and access to greenspace in Black Communities.

1. I am proud to be the principle author of the first ever CECAP in Dallas History.
2. I was able to pass a policy that now forces all cement batch plant to require a SUP.
3. I have been able to close down 5 and stop 1 cement batch plant from opening near residential neighborhoods and schools.
4. I was able to secure new air monitors for West Dallas
5. I support the closing of the shingle manufacturing plant GAF in West Dallas the number 1 polluter in Dallas County.

15. Maternal mortality among Black women is high compared to their counterparts, and access to essential health care materials and services is an ongoing challenge for Black women in particular. How have you worked to address this critical issue and/or plan to do so if elected.

This is a devastating fact and one that can no longer be ignored. I would like to work with groups working on this issue and bring Parkland, Dallas County Health and Human Services as well as other stakeholders to create a working group to create policy that would help combat this issue.

Belief Statements

To what extent do you agree, or disagree, with the following statements? Please include a detailed explanation for your response.

1. Ensuring equitable access to the economy for all residents is a responsibility of the City Council. Agree and with the creation of a new racial equality plan and the economic development plan The City finally will be moving forward with its responsibility.
2. Socio-economic factors play a significant role in education, public safety, and public health. Agree, families with lower incomes are taken advantaged of, forced to take higher interest loans for basics like cars and homes as well as lack of access to public health. This forces especially Black families into divested neighborhoods.



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3. The future of a city depends on the collective advancement of all residents and all communities. Agree, our mantra of One Dallas must continue to be worked on because regardless of where one lives the equitable investment into divested communities must continue.

Thanks for completing our questionnaire. If there is anything else you'd like to share with voters about yourself or your campaign, please use the space below to do so: