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# 2023 District Councilmember Questionnaire

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## CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the attached questionnaire responses and certify that the information provided is accurate and the opinions stated accurately reflect my own positions.

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the form inserting lines as needed to accommodate your answers,  
then sign and return the form via email in Word format to:**

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### I. INTRODUCTION

In Section IV below, please answer as best you can. If you have not yet come to a final decision on an issue, or don't currently have enough information to provide an informed answer, please so state.

### II. BACKGROUND

1. Tell us about your experience in leadership and administration. What policy issues have you worked on, and in what capacity? (Please provide the names of two or three individuals who can provide information about your previous work.)

2. What differentiates you from other candidates?
3. With all the money that's being raised by other candidates, what's your path to victory in a crowded field?
4. Where do you stand on Term Limits and Councilmanic Prerogative?

### **III. PRIORITIES**

1. What in your opinion are the greatest challenges facing your district and its residents?
2. What three things would you most want to accomplish to address your district's challenges?

### **IV. ISSUES**

#### **A. Housing**

1. What would you do to change the trajectory of the housing crisis in your district? What agency or program would you start with and why?
2. How do you plan to help keep long-time homeowners from being forced out of their homes?
3. Do you support Good Cause and/ or Rent Control legislation? If not, what do you offer as an alternative?
4. Would you support legislation to enact zoning requirements to compel inclusion of affordable units in market rate developments, with "affordable" defined as no more than 40 % of the average household income in the ward?
5. Would you require the land bank to prioritize the disposition of properties to favor low-income and cooperatively owned developments, including land trusts?

#### **B. Education**

1. The Phila School District continues to lose public schools. How can we change that?
2. What do you think of legislation to regulate charter schools? How would you regulate them?
3. How would you increase community participation in School Board appointments?
4. Would you compute the cost/benefit ratio for the School District of all proposed Keystone Opportunity Zones (KOZ) before they're approved by Council?

#### **C. Criminal Justice**

1. How will you reduce gun violence in your district?
2. How do we orient the police to service instead of enforcement?
3. What ideas do you have for reintegrating formerly incarcerated citizens?
4. How do we keep employers from denying jobs to qualified ex-offenders?

#### **D. Environmental Justice**

1. Would you support construction of an environmentally damaging facility such as a trash to steam plant in your district if it would bring hundreds of jobs?
2. What will you do to support and promote the use of solar and other renewable energy sources in your District?

#### **E. Economic Development**

1. What do you think of imposing an impact fee on businesses failing to pay workers \$15/hr to reimburse the City for the costs of relieving poverty?
2. Would you fund the Philadelphia Public Financing Authority that was created by Council to lay the groundwork for a City Public Bank?
3. What do you think of legislation to bar or limit privatization of City property and assets, such as the PGW?
4. The Board of the PIDC, the City's main economic development funding agency, is made up of members appointed by the Chamber of Commerce. Would you change that? How?
5. Would you require the City to withdraw subsidies from large corporations that fail to provide jobs or other benefits to City residents?

#### **F. Taxes**

1. Which taxes would you propose raising to fund programs that cannot be paid for under the existing tax structure?
2. What do you think of allowing a cap to be set on the number of property tax abatements granted in your District?

### **V. GENERAL STATEMENT**

Use this space to provide any further information that you would like us to consider about your candidacy, not covered by the questions above.

