



## Candidate Pre-Interview Questionnaire

The Committee for a Better Atlanta (CBA) is a coalition of business organizations concerned about Atlanta. In 2009, CBA is interviewing candidates for mayor, City Council president and City Council with the intent of publishing a voter's guide of candidate evaluations. The evaluations will be based on the answers to the questions in this document, plus in-person interviews to be held this summer.

Your answers to these questions are very important to the CBA interview and evaluation process. *Candidates who do not complete this questionnaire will not be scheduled for an interview with CBA.*

Please complete this questionnaire and deliver it to the Committee for a Better Atlanta so it arrives **no later than 5 p.m., July 31, 2009**. Questionnaires can be filled out electronically and emailed to [cwatkins@macoc.com](mailto:cwatkins@macoc.com) or mailed to:

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Attn: Che Watkins**

If you have any questions about completing the questionnaire – or about the CBA process – please contact Che Watkins at (404) 586-8468.

**Candidate information:**

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**Secondary contact information: (If you prefer that CBA direct scheduling inquiries to someone other than the candidate, check here. **no**)**

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*Please answer the questions in the space provided on this questionnaire.*

1. In your opinion, what are the three greatest issues (problems or opportunities) facing Atlanta?
  1. Financial Stability. The City must face its financial obligations and increase its revenue sources.
  2. Managing the negative economic impact of foreclosures, mortgage fraud and joblessness, etc. as they relate to communities and individual citizens.
  3. Providing city services at a level that meets the needs of the City.

2. Describe briefly your qualifications for holding this office. *(Please answer in the space below, but you may also attach a resume or other description to provide us with additional detail.)*

I was elected to the Atlanta City Council in 1997 and have served as a representative of District 9. During my tenure on Council I have chaired and served on a variety of committees.

3. What events or experiences caused you to decide to run for this office?

My experience as a neighborhood president and NPU Chair inspired me to run for office. I saw a need to offer myself to serve in a position that could help neighborhoods get what they need out of City Hall.

4. Please identify up to five organizations or individuals who are actively supporting your candidacy.

1) n/a

2) n/a

3) n/a

4) n/a

5) n/a

5. The city government faces a \$50 million budget shortfall this fiscal year. How would you close the budget gap?

The budget gap was actually closed with the adoption of the Budget. The methods of closure were savings/cuts of approx. \$60 and a property tax increase with revenue totaling \$56 million. This however does not mean the City is out of the woods. Future sales tax revenue projections and a delay in property tax revenue from Fulton County may cause the City to make further cuts in personnel or other line items to avoid a deficit.

The City must find other sources of revenues! At the same time, we must continue to find ways to cut cost and save dollars.

6. Since 2004, the city's official goal has been to have 2,000 police officers. The Police Department is now at 1,615 officers. Do you support the goal? If so, how would you pay for the additional officers given the city's budget problems?

I support the goal of increasing our police force, however I'm not sure that 2,000 is the magic number. The City is applying for stimulus fund to get an additional 200 positions that will have to be funded by the City in three years. That would make the total 1,815.

The city's financial instability makes it at this point questionable if the City could afford to add any more officers unless the economic climate dramatically changed for the better, also immediately.

7. Mayor Franklin has used tax-allocation districts and tax abatements to support redevelopment projects. What would you have the city government do to support desirable redevelopment projects in the years ahead?

Tax Allocation districts will not be used in the future. The City has maxed out its capacity to create them. In the future the City may be able to use more Enterprise Zones and waivers and/or delay of fee payments as incentives. Also, we should continue to take advantage of State and Federal programs.

8. Traffic congestion is a major problem in Atlanta. If you could implement only one initiative, enhancement or management change to reduce congestion in Atlanta in the next four years, what would it be? Note: This should be something within the city government's ability to implement. The City should synchronize its traffic signalization throughout the City and particularly on the major corridors.

9. In your opinion, what are the three greatest infrastructure problems facing Atlanta over the next four years? Please rank them in terms of importance and urgency.

- 1) Water/Sewer
- 2) Roads/Pedestrian facilities
- 3) City Buildings and Facilities