

## 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.

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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?  
Crime/Public Safety

Government Waste/Spending (50 mil deficit and counting)

Infrastructure/ Transportation, Bridges etc,

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'm the only one that can make the tough and right decisions to move our city forward. I'm thenly one with the experience on the streets and in our neighborhoods over the past 15 years who have witnessed the deterioration of our neighborhoods and understand what is ging on and what it takes to clean up our streets and turn our city into one of the safest in the nation. Turning it into dubbed a "crimefreecity" , which will remove many of the negative stigmas that are associated with cities like DC, Detroit, and others that not only deters residents and business, and negatively impacts the quality of life for all its citizens.

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

I have withess over the past 15 years I have watched and witnessd the deterioration of our city and communities and have witnessed or citizens give up many of the freedoms that we once use to have. We have lost our freedom to truly enjoy ourseves, protectct our families, our children, our homes and

businesses even within our own neighborhood and communities. As resident of the buckhead community which was once considered one of the safest in our city is breaking down as well. Im concered and I think we should all be concerned because we are all in this thing together. This trend will continue despite many of our revitizalation efforts, simply because there is no on in, or running for office other that myself that knows how to truly address it. I can go on and on but there is just not ttim or space to address why Im the only one that can do the job that everone wants done.

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

- 1) Not yet affiliated with any orgizations
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5. The city government faces a \$50 million budget shortfall this fiscal year. How would you close the budget gap?

In order to close the budget gap, revenue must be generated in order to get revenue we must make our city the place where everyone want to come, live and spend their money which is what I will do if I get elected. However in the mean time we cannot cut essential services like, public safety, water, sewer etc. I would emphasize tightening our belts asking and grinding out a more efficient and effective government as well as look for non essential areas in which we can scale back, which is very hard to find given that we have already stripped what we have. The only other alternative we would have is to turn to the our State and Federal Government for assistance.

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?

This goal is irrelevant as I have been on the Atlanta police department now for nearly 15 years. I believe in the past 15 years we may have hired over 1500 police officers in addition to the 1500 that was already here when I got there and we still cannot or will not reach this goal simply because there are other issues at work that need to be addressed. I understand and know how to fix this problem. And then again we must keep in mind that it is not the numbers that are important here, it is the quality of work that we get from our officers. If we had 5,000 officers today it would do nothing to stop the trend of crime in our city if the law is not enforced. I understand, they understand and I speak their language.

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?

I would continue this process however after taking office, we should not have to pursue it as hard or as much as we do now simply because once I'm in office and begin to implement my policies and begin to change our brand name and image to a crime-free city. Incentives may no longer be needed, or necessary because anyone and everyone everyone would rather come to a place, do business or live in a place where, crime and taxes remain low and their safety is never an issue.

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.

What I would do is encourage people to car pool and use mass transit if they can, however the main problem with this is that people do not feel safe on public transportation. I believe the effect I will have with making downtown Atlanta and our city safe again will ease some of that tension and we should see an increase in this area. I will continue to encourage ongoing projects such as the Beltline and Peachtree Corridor, we will eventually start to see these projects gaining support as we get a handle on the crime situation. I sort of hate to keep referring back to crime but I know that it subliminally weighs on everyone's mind and almost affects nearly everything that we do on a daily basis whether we may realize it or not.

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) Sewer, water, which is currently being worked on and I thank Mayor Shirley Franklin for tackling this issue. However it is still an ongoing one and we must see it through and that it is maintained as it is one of the most vital parts of our infrastructure.
- 2) Roads, Bridges, Streets, Highways etc.
- 3) Strain on Electrical Power Grids