

Detroit 2005 Election
Report Card
on Candidates
for City Council

Vote for your Neighborhood Services!

Grades Based on how well candidates indicated their understanding and support on five issues.

Issue (1) Knowledge of City Departments and their Weaknesses

Issue (2) Knowledge of Revenues, City Budget and Financing Government

Issue (3) Knowledge, Understanding, Appreciation,

Promotion of Historic Preservation and Historic

Neighborhoods



Issue (4) Knowledge, Importance of Urban Problems and Planning

Issue (5) Practicality, Specificity of Proposals for Change

Detroit Historic Neighborhoods Coalition Candidate Sample Questions

(This is just a partial list of questions asked the candidates).

- I. Please select two of the most poorly run city departments and give an example of how you would propose improving the department and services to the citizens of Detroit.
- II. What is your understanding of the budget process in the City of Detroit? What would you do to improve the process, if anything? Would you consider breaking down the General Fund to make the City's finances more transparent?
- III. Please discuss your view of good urban planning and development for the City of Detroit.
- IV. Name three successes that you can take credit for in Detroit for its citizens and how you accomplished them.
- V. State your views on mass transit (both City and Regional) and how it would be funded?

The grades are based on what the candidates said in their responses to the questionnaires and to the interview questions. The long-term goal is to hold candidates accountable for what they tell potential voters. **Mid-term evaluations will also be conducted to assess what their stated goals were versus their actual actions.** For more detailed information on the Evaluations or the Detroit Historic Neighborhoods Coalition see our website.

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Candidates	Issue				
	1 City Depts	2 Revenues and Budget	3 Historic Preservation & Neighborhoods	4 Urban Problems & Planning	5 Practicality of Proposals
Ortheia Barnes	B	B	A	A	A
Ken Cockrel	A	A	B	B	B
Sheila Cockrel	A	A	B	B	B
Tia Tia Davis	D	C	C	D	D
Jai Lee Dearing	A	A	A	A	A
Brenda Jones	C	D	D	D	D
Kwame Kenyatta	B	B	C	A	B
Hilmer Kenty	B	A	B	B	A
Maryann Mahaffey	A	A	A	B	B
Alberta Tinsley-Talabi	A	A	B	B	B
Joan Gist*	C	C	C	D	C
Roy McAlister*	A	C	A	B	B

- **Please note that due to the fact that there are several seats in dispute at the time of printing, we interviewed the two candidates that finished 19th and 20th in the primary. If Ms. Gist and Mr. McAlister are included in the ballot, their interview information is included above.**

The Coalition wrote to every 2005 mayoral and city council candidate, as validated by the Detroit City Clerk, and invited them to participate. Each was sent a questionnaire to be completed and returned. An interview was scheduled with each candidate who responded. The Coalition assessed a fee of \$50 to cover publication expenses.