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2019 Mayor Questionnaire - Incumbent

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

Candidate Name: _____ Office Sought _____

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: _____

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BACKGROUND

1. What do you consider your three greatest achievements while serving in this position?
2. What other endorsements have you received?
3. How do you plan to win?
4. How much money have you raised? How much do you expect to raise?

5. What three things would you most want to accomplish if re-elected?

Fulfillment of Previous Commitments

1. In 2015 NN asked whether you would “use the City’s power of the purse to regulate charter schools by making their budgetary practices transparent, ridding them of conflicts of interest, and stopping them from cherry-picking their student bodies?”

You replied: “Absolutely. The lack of proper oversight over Charter Schools must not be allowed to continue. It is the responsibility of the City and the SRC to make sure that Charter School operators are held accountable. We need to make sure that this money is being spent to educate our children, not on self-interested contracts or anything else that doesn’t further the education of our children. Charters should not be turning profits and if they are, that money should be redirected back to the school district. We cannot continue to create a self-fulfilling prophecy for our neighborhood public schools by allowing them to take the top performing students out of public schools. I have opposed and will continue to oppose the allowance of more Charter Schools in areas where District run schools are performing well, or showing rapid improvement.”

How well would you say you kept that promise?

2. In the 2015 questionnaire we also asked whether you would end the stop and frisk program?

You replied “Yes. My effort to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana had little to do with the actual drug, and more to do with the thousands of young lives needlessly changed each year because of a criminal record which makes it difficult for them to be productive members of society. We are living in a time where we should be working to build trust between the men and women who serve on our Police force and the communities that they police. Eliminating the current stop and frisk program would be an important step in that process.”

How well would you say you kept that promise?

3. In the 2015 questionnaire we also asked whether you would “develop a policy to enable the City to withdraw subsidies from corporations or other businesses that fail to provide jobs or other benefits to City residents?”

You replied: “Yes; businesses that make commitments to provide certain benefits to the City and its residents must be held accountable for those promises.”

How well would you say you kept that promise?

ISSUES

Although many of the questions below call for a simple yes or no answer, please feel free to provide an explanation for any of your choices. If you have not yet come to a final decision, please state which way you are leaning and what additional information you would need before deciding, if any.

I. Economic Development

Would you:

1. Raise the City minimum wage to \$15 an hour, either directly or by imposing an impact fee on businesses paying less than \$15?
2. Take \$200 million of City pension funds now invested in the stock market to invest in neighborhood economic development projects?
3. Require City-funded or tax-abated projects to employ a high percentage of City resident workers, especially low and moderate income City residents?
4. Create a program to provide technical assistance and start-up funding for cooperative, worker-owned businesses?
5. Reform PIDC, the City's main economic development funding agency, so that its Board has a majority of public and community members, rather than Chamber of Commerce appointed members?
6. Require the City to withdraw subsidies from corporations that fail to provide jobs or other benefits to City residents?
7. Bar or limit privatization of City property and work done by City employees? More specifically are there any circumstances under which you would sell PGW?
8. Sponsor and sign legislation to create a Philadelphia Public Bank?

II. Taxation

Would you:

1. Increase taxes to support City and/or School District services, and if so, which ones?
2. Reduce taxes as an economic development strategy, and, if so, which ones?
3. Support the Soda Tax? Please explain your answer.
4. Support the 10-year Tax Abatement Program for new development as it currently exists? If not, what specific changes would you make?
5. Bring suit to challenge the nonprofit status of the University of PA and other huge non-profits if they don't agree to make payments in lieu of taxes to the City?

III. Education

Would you:

1. Enact a plan that would help regulate charter schools by making their budgetary practices transparent, riding them of conflicts of interest, and stopping them from cherry-picking their student bodies? If so, what would that plan look like?

2. Provide universal pre-k to all 3 and 4 year olds in the City?
3. Compute the cost/benefit ratio for the School District of all proposed KOZ zones before they're approved by Council?
4. Develop a plan to deal with the bankruptcy facing the School District due to the growth in the number of charter schools in the City, all of whose expenses must by law be paid by the District? Please explain.

IV. Criminal Justice

Would you:

1. Grant the civilian police review board subpoena power with the ability to suspend or fire police officers found to engage in misconduct?
2. Use savings from closing the House of Corrections to invest in job training programs and opportunities for formerly incarcerated people, in an effort to combat mass incarceration?
3. Bar employers from denying jobs to ex-offenders without a specific job-related basis?
4. End the stop and frisk program?

V. Housing

1. Do you think Philadelphia is facing a housing crisis? If so, why? If not, why not? What changes would you make to bring housing policy more in line with your vision?

2. Would you:

- a. Enact a rent stabilization program?
- b. Enact inclusionary zoning requirements to compel inclusion of affordable units in all market rate developments?
- c. Support a dedicated fund to provide technical assistance and start up funding for land trusts and housing co-ops?
- d. End, limit or curtail Councilmanic prerogative over land disposition?
- e. Require the land bank to prioritize the disposition of properties for low-income and cooperatively owned developments?

VI. Climate Justice

1. What, if anything, can the city do to address the fundamental factors driving climate change?
2. Do you support a Green New Deal for Philadelphia and, if so, what does that mean to you and what will you do if elected to City Council to implement it?
3. What is your position on the proposal to build a new Liquefied Natural Gas Plant in Southwest Philadelphia?

VII. Money In Politics

In light of the recent indictments involving elected officials, what is your position on:

- a. Accepting gifts or services
- b. Accepting donations from corporate PACs that do work for the city
- c. Public financing of city elections

VIII. 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.