

BIO

D. Denise Webber-Jenkins, JD is a Juris Doctor candidate at Birmingham School of Law 2021-22. She is a HBCU graduate and holds a Master's degree in Management, Bachelor's degree in Management/ Leadership/Administration, and a degree in Paralegal/General Practice.

She has worked in City Government, State, and County Government in the Divisions of Parks & Neighborhoods, Public Works, and The City Attorney's office with a tenure over 27 years in corporate environments.

In 2004, she initiated, directed, and managed her own firm, known as The Webber Paralegal Firm working closely with attorneys on civil and criminal trial cases on a contractual basis.

Jenkins was instrumental in a 2.5 million dollar settlement and 1.7 million dollar settlement with counsel on personal injury & hernia mesh cases as a Paralegal Manager/ Specialist.

2. ENDORSEMENTS

As of today June 26, 2021, I have been contacted by a former councilor for endorsement.

3. BIGGEST ISSUES

I. Crime (including domestic violence, gun violence, blight, drug problems, shot houses, and abandoned properties) lack of education, jobs and training

II. The city owns many abandoned properties in the district 8 and they can choose to do good with those properties. I will pick up where Hoyt left off and build professional working camaraderie with City Council for the good of District 8, the City of Birmingham, and other elected officials . I will join in with solidarity to demand a solution and standard by looking at the totality of the circumstances with the understanding that there is no single deciding factor. Initiate a plan for start-up businesses for small black own business owners in the community and conclude as to how to proceed with a successful plan of action in that regard.

4. INCENTATIVES

I will add to the programs that is already in place to provide economical incentive by encouraging ownership in neighborhoods getting people from a renters mentality to a ownership mentality. By successfully putting in place job -ready programs, skill set training, start-up business programs technological innovation, education, and literacy programs, to assist people to become employable in search of a better quality of life.

District 8 is a food desert. There are no main neighborhood restaurants, neighborhood grocery stores, such as Publix, Winn Dixie, and Wal-Mart . Nearby areas, such as, Hueytown and Fultondale have main neighborhood grocery stores and main neighborhood restaurants, and other amenities, within walking distance of their homes. Diistrict 8 does not. It is my belief that lack of amenities exacerbates criminal activity.

5. HOMICIDE RATE

Domestic Violence & gun violence will be huge issues with me if elected. Domestic violence alone has affected my life in unimaginable ways. I will work 24/7 literally with Birmingham Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriffs Department to improve crime reduction by developing a strategic plan where citizens are anonymous in reporting any criminal activity with a possible reward leading to an arrest and/or a conviction.

I will and enhance neighborhood watch programs in the communities and call for a better communication between the neighborhood presidents in criminal activity and communicating to the district 8 councilor. My plan is to expedite immediate change on day 1 of the job.

6. FUNDING

Safety, education, job opportunities, job training programs, and better public housing
II. I will pick up where the incumbent left off to build a better, a more vibrant, and a more improved District 8 so that that it will emulate areas such as Fultondale and Hueytown. To maintain relationships with the Birmingham Business Alliance and Regional corporations.

7. INEQUITY

I will supports gaps to address the inequity between people of different races, genders, and sexual orientations by identifying those gaps and bring together through neighborhood watch fellowships that includes the faith based community and other organizations.