



City Council Candidate Survey 2021 Birmingham Municipal Election

Greater Birmingham Ministries invites you to complete this candidate survey. Your responses will inform our non-partisan 2021 Birmingham Municipal Election Guide, which will reach over 20,000 Birmingham residents. Please return your completed candidate survey to electionguide@gbm.org by July 2.

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- 1. Please provide a 2-3 sentence biography. LaTonya grew up in the North Birmingham area where she currently resides. She is the daughter of the late Clifford E. Hatcher and Barbara J. Tate. LaTonya was educated in the public school system where she attended MacArthur Elementary and is a graduate of Phillips High School. LaTonya is a graduate of Bevil State Community College LPN Program, and from the University of Phoenix where she obtained a bachelors and master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration & Security. She also holds a master's degree from Grand Canyon University in Public Administration & Policy.**

LaTonya worked in the healthcare industry for over 15 years in Jefferson County, and as a Probation/Parole Officer prior to retiring in 2014. In 2018, she founded the Alabama Justice Initiative where she currently serves a nonprofit social justice organization that works on criminal justice reform and policy initiatives. LaTonya is the mother of one son TaDarrius, and the grandmother to Camille Gabrielle and the oldest of 4. She is longtime member of the Twenty Fifth Avenue Baptist Church.

2. Please name any endorsements you have received.

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3. What are the biggest issues in your district and how would you address those issues in your role as a councilor?

The biggest issues are blight, bad roads, abandoned buildings, food deserts, too many fast food restaurants and no healthy alternatives. I would address these issues as a councilor first by holding town hall meetings in every neighborhood to immediately listen to constituents. Next I will give a presentation on Participatory Budgeting, what that looks like and how the community can get involved to work together to address the current issues and concerns in their neighborhoods.

4. How do you think the City of Birmingham should provide economic and corporate incentives?
5. In 2020 Birmingham had the highest homicide rate in 25 years. So far 2021 is on trajectory for an even higher homicide rate. In your role as a councilor, how would you address crime and public safety?

I would work with the Police Chief and stress the importance of community policing, and partnering with the Peacemakers Organization to support their initiatives on gun violence.

6. In your opinion what are the most critical public services that the City of Birmingham is funding or should fund and how will you use your position as a councilor to ensure these are funded?

I will use my position as a councilor to fund schools, grassroots organizations, and social service programs.

7. Where in our communities do you see opportunities for Birmingham government to address the inequity between people of different races, genders, and sexual orientations, and how, as a councilor, will you support policies to address these gaps?

As a councilor, I will advocate, policies and initiate policies to address inequality for people of different races, gender, and sexual orientation to make sure all are treated equally and with dignity and respect.