



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.

Creative, collaborative, and results-oriented professional with significant experience in relationship management, communications, and computer information systems. Adept at capitalizing on internal and external opportunities for growth. A mission-focused leader with strong expertise in community engagement.

2. Please name any endorsements you have received.

Central Labor Union for now. We are in the process of interviewing with different groups this week.

3. What are the biggest issues in your district and how would you address those issues in your role as a counselor? Infrastructure. We have flooding issues that are considered a 100 year problem. Well with technology today we should make great strides with removing old pipes and/ or cleaning them. Once we complete this task, then once we pave the roads they will last longer.

4. **How do you think the City of Birmingham should provide economic and corporate incentives?** I believe that Birmingham should really invest in small to medium size businesses. I met a business owner who told me that at one time Birmingham was helping small businesses and their business flourished because of it. When they stopped their business really took a major hit.

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 make sure that we would have a line item in the budget that went specifically to reducing crime or gun violence. I believe that we the community, educational leaders, and law enforcement need to come together more. We need more financial opportunities in our city as well. Once we all come together, then we will see a better tomorrow.

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?** Public works. It is rumored that the city wants to privatize garbage and other services to balance the city finances. Well I would definitely fight to keep the citizens who depend on their paycheck to not be furloughed and the neighbors who depend on the free service of trash and garbage pickup to remain free.

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?** The east and west areas of town are by far left out of the vision of growth in Birmingham. Our areas suffer daily in services that other areas of town don't have to think twice about. I would support policies that brings equality of services, law enforcement presence, and job opportunities.