



Mayoral 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. We will publish your full responses to this survey on our website, gbm.org. 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.**
- 2. Please name any endorsements you have received.**
- 3. What do you think the biggest challenges facing Birmingham will be in the next 5 years? How do you plan to address them?**
- 4. How do you plan to invest in and support minority and women owned businesses in Birmingham? With Birmingham's growing tech scene, how will you support equity in this field?**
- 5. With so much redevelopment focused in downtown Birmingham, how will you support investment in neighborhoods? How do you propose assisting Birmingham residents that may experience displacement as a result of increasing housing costs?**
- 6. How will your plans and policies encourage or affect bringing services cut during the pandemic back to city residents in an equitable manner?**

- 7. How would you increase Birmingham residents' participation in decision making? Would you support a plan for participatory budgeting? How?**
- 8. What policies or plans would you propose, support and/or implement to effectively utilize the \$5 million dollars in HUD funding awarded to Birmingham to combat homelessness?**
- 9. What programs do you plan to add and/or remove from the Mayor's Office?**
- 10. With Birmingham receiving \$147 million in federal aid through the CARES Act, how would you propose the city spend its CARES Act funds?**
- 11. How do you plan to increase the city's revenue?**
- 12. How will you ensure that public transportation and other transit planning is accessible to all residents of Birmingham?**
- 13. Birmingham consistently ranks as one of the top two cities in the nation with the highest energy burden (i. e. the percentage of income spent on electric bills). This burden disproportionately affects low-income and fixed-income Birmingham residents. Would you address the root causes of this issue and if so, how?**
- 14. 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 mayor, how would you address crime and public safety?**
- 15. What would your approach be to immigration enforcement in Birmingham? How would this approach affect Birmingham Police Department policy? Would you and your administration continue to collaborate with ICE?**