

Westview Atlanta City Council District 4 Screener
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1) *Would you be transparent about your Council budget? How?*

Yes, I would be transparent about my Council Budget. Once the budget is finalized I will reach out to each community to attend a meeting to discuss the planned fiscal year's budget. I would work with my team to create a District 4 blog to keep people informed about the progress of projects and line items outlined.

2) *What is your stance on displacement of legacy and low-income residents? How would you enact policy to support those residents and prevent displacement?*

I believe we must preserve our legacy residents they are the foundation of our community. Affordability is a pillar of my platform. It is a layered plan. I plan to work with Fulton County to focus on a fixed limit percentage increase of property taxes. As an example no more than a 3% increase a year. Most people's income increases 1.5% to 3% a year. Having the tax base grow at the same rate is a more sustainable path.

I also have an education plan to work with all residents with focus on legacy and low-income residents. I plan to ensure that residents are well informed of all the programs that currently exist and remove the hurdles that prevent access.

3) *Do you support the Policing Alternatives and Diversion Initiative (PAD)? What role do you see diversion and alternative to policing initiatives, such as PAD, playing in building a new approach to community safety and wellness? Currently, PAD is only .5% of the public safety budget, so how can we financially support it to ensure success?*

Yes, I do support PAD. I believe diversion and alternative to policing initiatives are a key player in restorative justice. Policing with compassion creates stronger healthier communities. I also believe there has to be a campaign to educate, engage and activate District 4 about the program. I believe we have to look at our budgets and see where we can reallocate funding to this program and other preventative measures, while also leaning into our philanthropic partners for support as well.

4) *Will you hold monthly town halls and allow input from constituents before voting on controversial matters that affect our daily lives for years?*

I believe the community should be at the table in the beginning, middle and end. I will solicit constituents' voices on controversial matters with lasting effects. I will attend NPU meetings and neighborhood meetings giving updates, as well as having a quarterly town hall meeting.

5) *What would you like to see improved in regard to pedestrian safety and how would you enact that plan? For example, how would you address the Cascade Corridor? Would you add speed bumps and sidewalks to the budget, or support continuing to use the General Budget funds for those overdue improvements?*

Public Safety is another pillar of my platform. Improving pedestrian safety is a pivotal part of that plan. I believe areas like the Cascade Corridor are in need of traffic calming devices. For high traffic large roads there has to be more crosswalks and devices to slow traffic for everyone's safety. To support these improvements there will be a mixture of funding sources. We will take full advantage of the President's American Rescue Plan, TSPLOST and General Budget funds.

6) What steps will you take to decriminalize current city ordinances that disproportionately target black and brown people and poor people?

I will work with the City's auditor to examine if policy and programming are inclusive and equitable. I will work to build coalition to put forth a committee to review current city ordinances that disproportionately target black, brown, and poor people. From that committee's recommendations I will put forth legislation to decriminalize poverty.

7) Westview residents love our trees, but they can be prohibitively expensive to maintain, which has created dangerous and even fatal situations for our beloved neighbors. What can be done to not only plant new trees, but maintain existing trees on public and private property?

I can leverage private and nonprofit relationships to create a tree fund to help vulnerable populations to remove and maintain existing trees. I can work to ensure Public Works has the resources it needs to support maintaining trees on public property as well.

8) The proximity of I-20 creates airborne contaminants, which has been proven to shorten life spans, endanger children in their third trimester, and generally hurt the long term health of residents. The highway transects our neighborhood in a way that historically was not allowed in more affluent areas of Atlanta. How would you address this inequity, and the effects of similar environmental racism that subtracts 20 years from our collective life expectancy?

There is not one answer that can address the environmental racism that impacts our community. I would build a partnership with GDOT, state, and federal elected officials to create a barrier project, building a barrier between I-20 and our community. We have seen similar projects erected that continue to improve the quality of life in other part of the city.

9) Incredibly frequent power outages plague residents, residents working from home, and local businesses alike. They routinely disrupt our economic and physical well-being. How do you plan to lessen this burden on us?

Currently efforts are being made to relocate power line underground. This is a step in the right but we must increase the community engagement around these efforts. Due to the relocation of power lines in the Cascade Ave area we are seeing more outages. We can work with Georgia

Power to create a more inclusive approach. Having community members at the table involved with this power migration can lessen the burden.

10) We have had issues for years with excessive street flooding, which damages homes and creates sudden expensive repairs. How do you plan to fix this problem?

The flooding is a critical issue in our community. I would work with Atlanta City Watershed Management and Planning to add more green storm water infrastructure projects.

11) The current public transportation options create unfavorably long commutes for residents. Long commutes have been shown to have a heavy burden on quality of life, from healthy family relationships to stable mental and physical health. Atlanta is due to receive sizable federal funds from the CARES Act this year. Specifically, which public transportation projects will you support to relieve these long commutes? How will you also improve MARTA to serve our neighbors with these already approved federal funds?

Better access to transit is a part of my campaign platform. I plan to work with MARTA and other funding sources to push forward the Beltline transit project. I will work with the community and other organizations to work to see expansion of light rail that has been proposed to create quicker safer access to MARTA. Working with MARTA to expand routes, create better lighting, and safe pick up areas throughout the district.

12) Studies show that a common denominator of police officers that use excessive violence is a history of domestic violence. Will you support screening for prospective police officers to disqualify them if they have domestic violence priors?

Yes, I support the screening for prospective police officers. I also support a misconduct registry to ensure we are hiring the best police officers possible.