

CITY COUNCIL

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DESCRIPTION

The Center for Civic Innovation works to inform, engage, connect, and empower people to shape the future of Atlanta. We believe local government works for the people and that their voices should be vital in the vision and development of our city. Government should be responsive but not reactionary; it should be open and easy to access; and above all, it should be people-driven.

Many Atlanta communities are changing rapidly, causing tension in many neighborhoods and serious worries that Atlanta will no longer be “Atlanta.” We are a city with an interesting history from our role in the Civil War, a home of the Civil Rights movement, and the birthplace of American icons like Coca-Cola or OutKast - yet from big fires to big developments we are known as a city of change.

Please answer the following questions to help your fellow Atlantans better understand how you will amplify their voices as a member of the new Atlanta City Council. Information from this survey will be published on voteatl.org and available to the public.

QUALIFICATIONS

Residents of District 3 are seeking a new city council member to represent them as our city navigates changes and grows over the coming years. Your job as a city council member will be to listen to community voices, then design and deliver a city that suits their needs!

RESPONSIBILITIES

- *Build a city that honors our history while looking to the future*
- *Create ordinances and adopt policy that make our city a positive example to others in the region and across the country*
- *Nurture the people’s investment in the city—our public tax dollars—to generate goods and services for people, not private interests*
- *Ensure all city departments are working at their best and are providing a model for our private enterprises—city jobs should be the best and coolest jobs*
- *Represent all our city’s voices, paying special attention to the voices most often overlooked (low-income communities, small business owners, etc.)*

WELCOME
TO YOUR
POLLING STATION

Please follow the signs and
report to the desk, then follow
the instructions given to you.

Kindly note that there are various
penalties for misconduct at elections

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ARE YOU THE RIGHT FIT?

Being a city councilor is a big job. We hope the following gives you a sense of the kinds of experience and skills that would enable you to thrive in this role and meet the needs of Atlantans:

Qualified to govern:

You know what the role of the city council is and its relationship to the mayor and city government's various departments. You lead by example and want to inspire city hall to be the best it can be.

Culture fit:

You are deeply committed to Atlanta—its people, its culture, and its history—and you will do whatever it takes to keep Atlanta authentically “Atlanta.” You see the role of city councilor as an opportunity to exercise your passion for our city and align your values of good governance and public participation with the management of our city. You want to build an Atlanta for all Atlantans.

Demonstrated people-centered approaches:

You have managed or worked on projects that value the voice of everyday people in planning new goods, services or infrastructure. You demonstrate the ability to design, coordinate, execute, and follow-through on programs that are for the people and by the people. You can juggle many voices and still deliver a great public good.

Proactive and relentless relationship-builder:

You are a natural at building and maintaining relationships in a warm, genuine way. You are willing to work with those you don't agree with, but you are not willing to compromise on your values. You understand the value of building coalitions with other governments, private enterprises, and community-based organizations.

Strong interest in transparency:

Your success is built upon a foundation of openness and transparency. You feel people deserve to be up to date on what their public officials are doing and especially where their public money is going.

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QUALIFIED TO GOVERN

1) What do you think is the most important role of the the city council?

2) Please describe, in sufficient detail, one professional accomplishment or contribution of which you are most proud. These examples should illustrate skills and capabilities you think apply to governing the City of Atlanta. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

3) Please list or describe no more than 3 current and past activities you participated in as a private citizen (not an elected official) in which you have acquired skills and perspectives that will make you a stronger mayor. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Examples include but are not limited to Neighborhood Planning Units, neighborhood/community associations, PTA, or public planning processes.

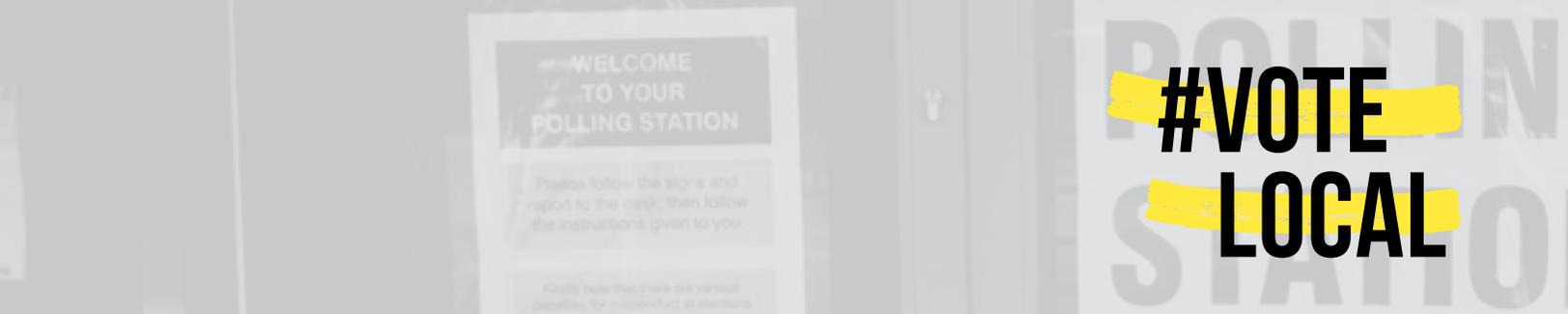
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CULTURE FIT

- 1) What does it mean to be an Atlantan/ATLien?
- 2) What is a new slogan (i.e. - not #OneAtlanta) for our city that could unite Atlantans and highlight who we are as a people? (NOTE: We won't hold you to making this the official slogan of Atlanta.)

DEMONSTRATED PEOPLE-CENTERED APPROACHES

- 1) There are several major development projects happening or planned in and around District 3. What is the role of community input in public- and private-sector development and when should it take place?
- 2) The NPU system was envisioned as a place for communities to engage with development in their neighborhoods. How would you, as a city councilor, support the existing NPU system or seek to change it?



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PROACTIVE AND RELENTLESS RELATIONSHIP-BUILDER

1) Give an example of a time when you had to collaborate with many people and/or organizations, especially those who may not hold the same views as you do.

2) Using an example of one major Atlanta issue you would tackle with a collaborative approach, how would you build relationships across the city and region with other governments, private enterprises, or organizations to effect change in our city?

STRONG INTEREST IN TRANSPARENCY

1) What level of openness and transparency should the citizens of Atlanta expect from city government under your leadership?

2) Please describe any policies, programs, or ideas you are considering to increase the transparency of city government.