



Below is the unedited questionnaire response of:

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2025 Written Questionnaire

*Please type your response to questions in the field provided. **Please limit answers to approximately 300 words less.***

Pillar 1: Governance, Leadership, and Partnerships

1. Briefly describe your qualifications for this office and why you have chosen to run for office. In addition, please identify up to 3 organizations or individuals who are actively supporting your candidacy and why you believe their support is important.



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2. A recent poll conducted by the Committee for a Better Atlanta of likely City of Atlanta voters cited issues of transportation, unsheltered homelessness, and housing affordability as the top issues facing the City of Atlanta. If elected, how would you work to address them? Please be specific.

3. What is the greatest issue facing your specific District and what strategies will you pursue to address it? And alternatively, how would you manage collaborating with your colleagues on difficult citywide issues versus representing your own constituents?



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Pillar 2: Inclusive Economic Growth

6. What future funding streams do you believe are needed to pay for the things we need to grow?
What are the opportunities and how should they be evaluated?

7. What role should the City of Atlanta play in improving income inequality among city residents?
Which tools and strategies would your office advance, if elected?



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8. Tax increment financing through Tax Allocation Districts (TADs) is a key tool used to support redevelopment in targeted areas across the City of Atlanta. Extending the life and expanding the use of TADs requires continued collaboration between the City, Fulton County, and Atlanta Public Schools. What is your position on extending the City's TADs, and how would you navigate the intergovernmental partnerships required to do so effectively?

Pillar 3: Safe and Thriving Neighborhoods

9. Atlanta is currently going through a Zoning 2.0 re-write, the first re-write in nearly 40 years. What priorities are most important to see in that process for you and are there concerns you would like to see addressed in the final document? As a city elected official, what would be your approach to considering land use and zoning decisions more broadly?



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10. What strategies would you implement to improve the supply for affordable housing in your district? What are the barriers to success and how will you work to overcome them?

11. What is the single biggest improvement (policy, program, partnership, investment) that the City can make towards addressing unsheltered homelessness?



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12. How would you leverage existing assets like the Public Safety Training Center to continue supporting public safety operations, staffing levels, and other outcomes and reduce reliance on private security?

Pillar 4: A Sustainable and Connected City

13. What is needed to ensure the Hartsfield-Jackson International airport remains the busiest and most efficient airport in the world, as well as an economic engine for Atlanta and the State?



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14. Atlanta's water infrastructure is aging and requires long term solutions to meet the demands of citizens and businesses. What solutions would you propose to address this critical need?

District 5 Specific Question

15. As nightlife continues to grow in District 5, how would you approach alcohol licensing and entertainment zoning in a way that balances economic development, public safety, and neighborhood quality of life?