# 9/29/2016 CitizenDetroit Dinner & Dialogue: City Council Candidate Forum - General Election



Hosts: Dr. Irv Reid, Sheila Cockrel,

Guest Speakers: Brian Dickerson, Chastity

Pratt Dawsey

Candidates: Janeé Ayers, David Alexander

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Facilitators: Linda Allen, Jan Anderson, Ron Brown, Shelley Clifton, LaTrice Davis, Kathy Harrison, Kelly Larson, Jackie Jones Love, Mary Reising, Bridget Schipper, Stephen Washington, Dorothy Washington

Evaluator: Sandra Yu Stahl

**Logistics:** Pam William, Sabrina Stennis-Jefferson, Jonilyn Paige, Lawrence Robinson,

Johnathan Jewell-Chatten

Location: Barth Hall, Cathedral of St. Paul

**RSVPs:** 255

Number of Public Participants: 125 (49%)

**Total Attendance: 166** 

## **Participant Characteristics**

Female	31%
Male	64%
Previous participant	72%
Born before 1960	72%
Lived in Detroit since 1960 or before	52%
Black/African American	72%
Voted in 2016 Primary	84%
Plan to vote in November	94%
Gained knowledge a/b candidates	78%
Will you share info from this event?	88%

## Pre- and Post- Event Clicker Survey Responses



### Which of the following do you use regularly?

- A. Email
- B. Facebook
- C. Twitter
- × Multiple 11 40 ×
- D. More than one
- E. None of the above



## Where are you currently registered to vote?

- A. Detroit/Wayne County
- B. Oakland County
- C. Macomb County
- D. Washtenaw County
- E. Other/Not registered

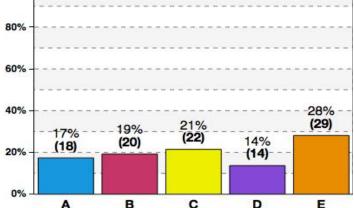


#### Have you ever reached out to City Council?

- A. Public comment at council meetings
- B. Email or Call the office
- C.Face-to-face meetings



- D.Other
- E. I do not reach out to City Council



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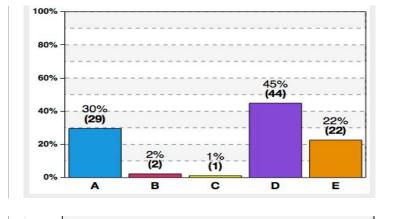


#### How responsive has City Council been in your experience?

- A. Very responsive
- B.Somewhat responsive
- C.Not responsive



D.I do not reach out to City Council



91%

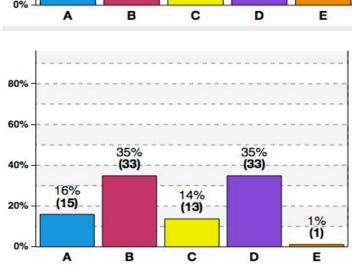
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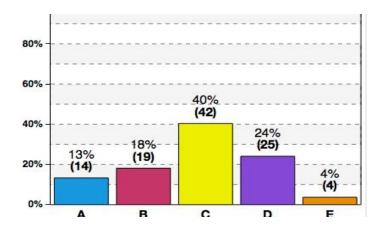


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# What role of City Council is most important to you?

- A. Ensuring responsible fiscal management
- B. Ensuring transparency in city government
- C. Adopting policies and or to promote city wellbeing
- D. Ensuring accountability and oversight of government actions



## Practice discerning campaign speech



#### Who would YOU vote for?



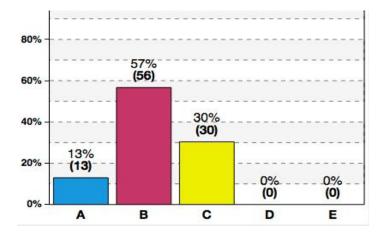
Candidate A



Candidate B



Car Multiple de choice



Candidate A: I was born and raised in Detroit, graduated from Renaissance High, and I love this city. Detroit is a great city, full of passionate, resilient people, and I will be the true voice of the community. No other candidate knows the city like I do. Vote for me.

Candidate B: I was president of my block club for six years. I spoke with over 100 residents door to door to discuss public safety issues in my neighborhood, and suc-cessfully worked with residents, the police, and local business sponsors to launch a program to install private streetlights. I know how to get things done. Vote for me.

Candidate C: Detroit needs leaders who will actually listen to the people. As councilmember, I will have my staff attend every block club and neighborhood asso-ciation meeting in my district, and convene a quarterly public meeting to discuss the issues that citizens care about. Vote for me.

## Pluses & Wishes

PLUSES	COUNT
Informative, honest, open Q&A, great questions	10
Hearing candidate statements/ excellent candidates	8
Truth Squad/Bridge	6
Informative	5
Clicker survey	5
Interactive, engagement, participatory, table activity	5
Organized, smooth, flowed well	4
Great facilitators/student facilitators	2
Email & social media awareness	2
Mock election	1
Tying event to previous session results	1
Response in attendance in challenging weather	1
No longer separated by district	1
Direct contact with candidates	1

WISHES	COUNT	
Begin dinner earlier, shorten program, start earlier, more servers to make dinner line move faster	7	
More publicity, more people, more social media/email	4	
Open questions in Q&A	3	
Candidates should be more forthright, compassionate, on topic	3	
Loud, disrespectful audience	3	
More Q&A time	2	
Shorter event/break up the two sessions	2	
Put questions in writing to prevent co-option of agenda/ limit length of question	2	
Motown sounds (Temptations, Smokey Robinson)	1	
Talk about DMC	1	
Talk about neighborhoods vs downtown/midtown	1	