

**Detroit 2005
Election
Report Card
on Candidates
for Mayor**

**Vote for
Your
Neighborhood
Services**

Grades Based on how well candidates indicated their understanding and support on five issues.

Issue (1) Knowledge of City Departments and their Weaknesses

Issue (2) Knowledge of Revenues, City Budget and Financing Government

Issue (3) Knowledge, Understanding, Appreciation,

Promotion of Historic Preservation and Historic

Neighborhoods



Issue (4) Knowledge, Importance of Urban Problems and Planning

Issue (5) Practicality, Specificity of Proposals for Change

Candidate	Issue				
	1 City Depts	2 Revenues and Budget	3 Historic Preservation & Neighborhoods	4 Urban Problems & Planning	5 Practicality of Proposals
Hansen Clarke	B	A	C	C	A
Freman Hendrix	A	B	C	B	A
Kwame* Kilpatrick	C	D	B	D	Nr
Sharon McPhail	B	B	B	B	A

* Mr. Kilpatrick's office had multiple scheduling conflicts which prevented the verbal interview. His written questionnaire was submitted incomplete and two weeks late. In his 2001 interview, Mr. Kilpatrick did state that "it is of the utmost importance to preserve historical neighborhoods", thus we were very disappointed that he did not participate. We were interested in hearing his accomplishments in support of historic neighborhoods. Due to controversy with City Services and Historic Lighting we hoped to give the Mayor an opportunity to share his vision.

Detroit Historic Neighborhoods Coalition Candidate Sample Questions

(This is just a partial list of questions asked the candidates).

- I. Please select two of the most poorly run city departments and give an example of how you would propose improving the department and services to the citizens of Detroit.**
- II. What is your understanding of the budget process in the City of Detroit? What would you do to improve the process, if anything?**
- III. Describe City Revenues including the relationship between City General Fund Revenue, Casino Revenue, State Tax Sharing Revenue, Real Estate & Property Tax Revenue and the Income Tax Revenue collected by the City at this time and any restrictions on this income.**
- IV. State your views on mass transit (both City and Regional) and how it would be funded?**
- V. Please discuss your view of good urban planning and development for the City of Detroit.**
- VI. What is the value of historic neighborhoods to Detroit's redevelopment?**
- VII. What would you do to build successful linkages between City Hall and the community?**
- VIII. Name three successes that you can take credit for in Detroit for its citizens and how you accomplished them.**
- IX. Name three things you hope to accomplish as a public leader in Detroit for its citizens and how you hope to succeed in this.**
- X. Describe at least one specific thing you have done to promote historic preservation in Detroit.**
- XI. In the re-lamping of historic neighborhoods, do you support underground wiring for neighborhoods where it already exists?**
Please circle one: **Yes** or **No**
 - A) If your answer to the above question is "no", explain why you oppose underground wiring.**
 - B) If your answer to question XI on page 4 is "yes", how do you propose to fund underground wiring?**
- XII. Do you support the City taking blighted property for rehabilitation (whenever possible) under the Blighted Area Rehabilitation Act?**
- XIII. Why do you think this has not yet been achieved in a city with extensive budget problems and 4000 city-owned properties?**

About the Coalition

The Detroit Historic Neighborhoods Coalition was founded in 1999 as an umbrella organization for the many historic neighborhoods in Detroit. These historic neighborhoods comprise about 9,000 households and 30,000 voters.

The Coalition represents the interests of these neighborhoods to City and State government departments and officials. The Coalition also assists in bringing united action to maintain, preserve, and rehabilitate those neighborhoods. The Coalition is a non-profit corporation.

The Interview Process

The Coalition wrote to every 2005 mayoral and city council candidate, as validated by the Detroit City Clerk, and invited them to participate. Each was sent a questionnaire to be completed and returned. An interview was scheduled with each candidate who responded. The Coalition assessed a fee of \$50 to cover publication expenses.

By July 22, 2005, a synopsis of the questionnaire responses of the candidates, will be posted to the Coalition web site:
<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/dethistoric>

City Council written evaluations will be available at the above date, as well. Verbal interviews of the City Council candidates will be available only after the primary.

The Grading System

The grades are based on what the candidates said in their responses to the questionnaires and to the interview questions.

- A = detailed and specific knowledge and support.**
- B = less detail and specific knowledge and support.**
- C = little detail and specific knowledge and support.**
- D = general and nonspecific responses; unsupportive.**
- nr = no response.**

The grades are not endorsements of any candidate. Individual voters may decide among candidates on the issues that are most important to them.

The long-term goal is to hold candidates accountable for what they tell potential voters. Mid-term evaluations will also be conducted to assess what their stated goals were versus their actual actions.

Arden Park - East Boston H. D.
Atkinson Improvement Assoc.

Berry Subdivision H. D.

Boston-Edison Historic District

Corktown Association

East Ferry Historic District

Green Acres

Hubbard Farms H. D.

Indian Village Historic District

Joliet Coop

New Center CanCan

New Center Commons

Oakman Boulevard H. D.

Palmer Woods

Peterboro-Charlotte H. D.

Preservation Wayne

Russell Woods Sullivan H. D.

Sherwood Forest

West Canfield Historic District

Woodbridge Comm. Assoc.

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