

1. What makes me stand out from the other candidates is, I have been speaking and going to bat for the community for the past 11 yrs. I have fought on the frontline for our community, particularly our youth, and I feel it is time to fight on a larger scale that will allow me to be at the table when making decisions to rebuild our community. I have served the community over the last 11 yrs as a mentor, philanthropist, teacher, motivational speaker, activist, and more. I have been present and built a relationship with both the youth and adults of the community. The community and many of its leaders trust me because they know the passion I have for the city which is ultimately the reason I decided to run. That and God put it in my spirit and I am a firm believer in obedience and walking in your God given purpose.
2. The one issue I plan to address is Community Engagement and Input. I feel over the last few years the focus has moved away from the ones it is truly about and that is one of the things I plan to change.
3. What I hope to accomplish as a City Council member is, "Rebuilding the Image, While Rebuilding the Village". What I mean by that is as follows:

**Rebuilding the Image (Visual Improvements to the City)**

- **Infrastructure Improvements** - I would explore and advocate for additional resources to be allocated to the upgrading of City infrastructure. (i.e street repairs and adequate signage throughout the City)
- **Blight Removal** - Push to increase infractions for landlord and owners of vacant property for structure conditions and trash removal on property. Stronger enforcement, reduces blight and encourages interest in individuals and investors to purchase property in Muskegon Heights, thus increasing the tax base and allowing for support and resources of the schools and increasing enrollment and funding. Stronger communities, equal stronger schools. This ties in to Rebuilding the Village
- **Increase Public Safety** - Advocate for fully staffed police and fire departments, establish neighborhood policing units without decreasing patrol to put more public safety officials in the community
- **Pushing for the development and rehabilitation of single-family dwellings.** Through the supporting efforts for City officials to recruit community housing development agencies and private developers to encourage the development of housing for residents of varying income levels, not just affordable housing.

**Rebuilding the Village (Encouraging Community)**

- Collaboration - Encourage a positive and respectful working relationship with the council and City leadership and staff
  - Advocating for governmental presence and support for community lead initiatives and neighborhood associations
  - Advocate for the consistent maintenance of City parks to encourage use and gatherings
4. I have already been volunteering and serving the city by engaging with the citizens and standing with them when various issues arise. I stood with a family who spoke out about

- the KKK memorabilia found in ex-police officer Charles Anderson's Home, I also spoke out and fought to have the name of Redmond's changed and the owner removed after racial posts were seen online, I have participated in various marches for unity, diversity and inclusion, I along with The Diatribe Inc. brought the first free Summer Poetry Workshop here to Muskegon Heights, I have volunteered numerous times to go into the school to speak with students, and serve as a mentor to various youth in the community.
5. If I'm not elected, I would continue to do the work that I do in the community already and hold those elected accountable and see that they do what's best for our citizens. If I am elected I would solicit input from the community by being accessible to them and ensuring they know how to reach me and by holding monthly forums to gather input from the citizens.
  6. When I hear about something that concerns me in the city I first research the issue and then reach out to those who may have insight and have the needed conversations. I have had a few instances where things have happened and I have been able to set up a meeting with both the former and current police chief to address those issues and in some cases get some clarity. The great thing about that is then I can return to the concerned citizens with clarity and explain the situation and resolve it. I make sure to gather accurate information to present to both parties and we usually are able to come to some sort of understanding.