



Detroit Action is a union of Black and Brown, low and no-income, homeless and housing insecure Detroiter fighting for housing and economic justice. Our organization is a grassroots and member-led, multigenerational, community-based organization fighting for real political power.

Detroit Action provides opportunities for individuals and families to develop as full human beings through our leadership development workshops, organizer internships, nonpartisan voter education and mobilization drives, direct action, and collaboration with allied organizations locally, statewide, nationally, and even internationally.

Our mission is to build the power of black and brown working-class Detroiters to challenge the root cause of poverty, advance justice, and promote human development through neighborhood-driven community organizing and civic engagement. We believe in creating a just world where everyone has housing, healthcare, quality education, and a live-able environment.

2022 is a critical election year and in order to build political power for Detroit neighborhoods, we need elected officials who'll fight for our values in Detroit, in Wayne County, in Lansing, and in Washington, D.C..

Please download this document to complete our candidate questionnaire and return it in **PDF format** to **Taylor Harrell, our Civic Engagement Manager at taylor@detroitaction.org** no later than **5:00pm Friday, May 20, 2022**. Please do not hesitate to email us if you have any questions.

SECTION 1: BASIC INFORMATION

1. Candidate Name:
2. Pronouns:
3. Name of Campaign Committee:
4. Candidate & Campaign website:
5. Candidate Phone Number:
6. Campaign Phone Number, if different from above:
7. Candidate Email Address:
8. Campaign Email Address:
9. Name of Campaign Manager, if different from candidate:
10. Email Address for Campaign Manager:
11. Phone Number for Campaign Manager:
12. Office You're Running For:
13. District Number:

14. How many opponents do you have? Who are they?
15. Have you ever run for office before? If so, describe the campaign and the results.
16. Have you ever completed a Candidate Training Program? If yes, which program?

Is there any information about your identity or experience that you would like Detroit Action to know while considering you for endorsement (**ie. race, military service, sexual orientation or gender identity, union membership, parenting status, etc.**)?:

SECTION 2: PROGRESSIVE VALUES

1. Please take your time and tell us about your core values and vision and also tell us why you want the endorsement of Detroit Action.
2. Do you consider yourself a progressive?
3. What does truly progressive governance look like to you?

We are an organization that believes in placing its values at the center of its organizing and campaigns. Here are the organization's guiding values and principles:

- Centering the most impacted
- Leaderful movements
- Multiple strategies for power
- Embracing Radical Politics
- Holistic organizing
- Intersectionality and Interdependence
- Anti-capitalist/anti-racism
- Pan-Africanism and Internationalism
- Abolition
- Radical Love and Tenderness

For each value, candidates are asked to choose one of three responses:

- I support Detroit Action's position on this value and this value will be an important part of my campaign and work as an elected official
- I support Detroit Action's position on this value but this value will NOT be an important part of my campaign and work as an elected official
- I do not support Detroit Action's position on this value

Below, candidates are also asked to elaborate their position on each issue. Please also share any relevant work that you've done around each issue. (150 words/question)

Environmental Justice: I support action at all levels of government to curb climate change, protect clean air and water in our communities, defend public lands, increase energy efficiency and energy access, keep dirty fuels in the ground, invest in clean and renewable energy sources, and regulate harmful pollutants.

Racial Justice: I support equitable treatment of all people, and believe that no one should be denied opportunities or rights because of their race, religion, or ethnic background. I support efforts to ensure that law enforcement and other public institutions treat all individuals equally as well as efforts to reduce mass incarceration. I also support enacting policies that ensure every person's full inclusion and participation in society.

Economic Justice: I support policies that reduce economic inequality and support economic mobility, including policies to pay a livable and family sustaining wage, narrow the racial and gender pay gap and combat workforce discrimination. I also support worker's rights to organize and collectively bargain for fairer pay and better working conditions. Our economic system should be fair, fulfill everyone's basic needs, and should offer opportunity to all regardless of socio-economic status or geography.

Affordable and Accessible Education: I support high-quality, fully funded public education that empowers and respects communities. I support affordable access to public education, from early childhood to college education, that nurtures and provides opportunities to students and supports teachers and families. I believe education is a right that should be afforded to all, regardless of income or ability.

SECTION 4: COMMUNITY

1. Are you a member of Detroit Action?
2. Detroit Action values candidates who have spent time investing in their communities before running for office. Please use this space to share information about your community involvement.
3. Can you share specific examples where you worked with grassroots groups to achieve a goal?
4. Please share with us one or two ways that you are willing to help fight for the members of Detroit Action and build progressive infrastructure in Metro Detroit.
5. Please share what work you have already done *and* what you plan on doing once elected to address the housing affordability crisis.
6. Is Gentrification and/or displacement an issue in the community you wish to represent? How do you plan on addressing it?

Please use this space below to share any other information you wish for the Endorsement Committee to be aware of while considering you for endorsement.