

I. Privacy, openness, and accountability: What have you done in the past to support "sunlight" laws or encourage public access to information, deliberation, and decision-making? (and/or) What existing or new ideas do you support, going forward, to encourage informed public participation? How have you / how would you protect the information of private individuals, that might otherwise be inappropriately disclosed by the push for greater public openness? From first responders (police, fire, EMT) through higher level administrative positions, what practical steps do you support to encourage professionalism and accountability?

I feel transparency and accountability are major keys to an effective government. Privacy of individuals is important and must be protected, such as the HIPA Laws. At the same time it is crucial that we have a government that is accountable to the people. I am currently pushing legislation that would call for more cooperation and transparency with city and county budgeting, called ERP. I believe proper training is the key to ensuring the privacy of individuals when considering the work of police, fire and EMTs. Protocol and proper training around that protocol will prevent the unnecessary sharing of private information while at the same time improving professionalism and accountability.

II. Several public-private partnerships have been set up in areas such as the Schenley plaza and riverside locations on the Northside. While this pseudo-public space is lovely for recreation, it is also considered private for purposes of assembly, rallies, protests, or informational / not-for-profit leafleting--effectively, off-limits, even including the adjacent city sidewalks. Moving forward, how can the city and county prevent or remedy the significant de-facto privatization of public space, without, at the same time, countenancing harassment?

I believe freedom of speech is something that makes this country great. It is crucial this city finds a way to ensure current freedoms and liberties remain intact, while at the same time creating safe

spaces for everyone to be in.

III. What sorts of jobs best anchor and sustain a community? What role, if any, should your office play in encouraging / not hindering certain types of job development?

In order for jobs to anchor and sustain a community they must be representative of that community on many different levels. We must strike a balance between manufacturing jobs, entry level positions, small businesses, entrepreneurship and forward thinking initiatives. My office will continue to fight for living wage jobs through out the city, while at the same time revitalizing neighborhoods and business districts, which will attract new business as well as patrons to those businesses. Civic pride and safe neighborhoods foster innovation and the desire of residents to make their own neighborhoods a place to be. Living wages for working families will encourage generations of Pittsburghers to keep their roots here and continue to make Pittsburgh the most livable city in the United States.

IV. What sorts of development, redevelopment, or blight-fighting programs best anchors and sustains a community? What could you do, within the bounds of your office, to suggest, encourage, implement or support specific responses to (e.g.) abandoned or decrepit housing, declining schools, and/or other problems that typify a community in decline?

Two of the major components of the work concerning this question has been my ability to attract more than \$1 million in neighborhood and business district upgrades, while at the same time allocating more than \$900,000 to remove abandoned and condemned housing. I also have a plan to put abandoned but habitable houses into the hands of city employees for improvement and then those homes will be placed back on the the tax rolls. Community involvement is

also a major component. What good are neighborhood upgrades if neighbors aren't there to take care of them? This is why my continued desire to remain an active community member while representing the Northside on city council has been so important to me.

V. The 800 lb gorillas: Health care is a statewide / national level issue. So is ecological policy. However, benefits, funding, permitting and potentially funding of clinics are city and county issues (within the bounds set by Act 47). Similarly, both the city and county have some say in determining the appropriateness and location of coal and gas extraction / processing / waste product storage, from the standpoint of risks to public health and to infrastructure. In both cases, very large local employers have vested interests that may not be in line with the best interests of the citizenry. What, realistically, do you hope to do to further the best interests of the citizenry, and/or reduce the risk of inappropriate corporate influence?

The people of Pittsburgh are what make this place such a wonderful city to live in. And this will continue to be so as we move forward. By banning the drilling of Marcellus Shale within Pittsburgh city limits we, on city council, effectively told natural gas companies, and energy companies in general, that the health and safety of our citizens is first and foremost. Each individual has a constitutional right to live and work in a safe and healthy environment. I will continue to ensure these liberties are upheld when dealing with corporate interest in our region.