

John Bennett

Age: 47

Current Occupation: Police Officer

Education: Wayne State University B.P.A., Eastern Michigan University, M.P.A.

Felony Convictions: no

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Why are you running for Detroit City Council?

I'm a candidate for Detroit City Council because I see a need for honest, principled leadership. Leaders that are committed to serving the people the right way and who will place the citizens of Detroit ahead of any personal agendas. My work and experience as a police officer, and the founder and operator of the Detroit Uncovered website, has brought me into direct and daily contact with Detroiters and their problems, at the neighborhood level. And I have witnessed, first hand, the rapid deterioration of city's service delivery processes, from street lighting and police response, to the failure to deal effectively with illegal dumping, a proliferation of foreclosed, vacant and abandoned homes, and the lack of retail businesses, especially food stores, in around Detroit. As 13 year veteran of the Detroit Police Department I've had the opportunity to see up close and personal the ineffectiveness and inefficiencies of failed leadership. As a Councilmember I plan to set the tone for cooperative government and leadership at the table and across all boundaries.

What are your top 3 priorities for Detroit? *

My 3 top priorities will be to

1. Make Detroit a safe city by increasing police manpower in the neighborhood.
2. Make Detroit a clean city by requiring business and residents to take better care of their property or face fines.
3. A forensic audit and look at the budget to root out waste and duplication.

What have been your 2 greatest contributions to the public good? *

I've been a mentor for over 20 years for organizations such as SOSAD, Don Bosco Hall, VIP, Partners against crime. I also raised my nephew who is a successful investment banker and I founded the Trustfaith foundation which assist at risk youth and those making the transition from college to work life.

What is the unique characteristic that makes you stand out among the 167 candidates running for City Council?

I'm the only one who was willing to place my job on the line to expose corruption in city government and I lost my job for 4 1/2 years because of it. I have a track record of standing up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. I'm battle tested and ready to lead.