

Jefferson County Progressive Democratic Council
Guidelines for Candidate Screening
Birmingham City Election, Tuesday, October 10, 1967

1. Opening of Job Opportunities in Municipal Services and Related areas to members of the Negro group.
 - a. Sponsor and or vote for a City Ordinance setting up a Municipal Fair Employment Practice Law and Commission.
 - b. Appointment of Negro persons to independent boards and commissions, and also, to other municipal services and activities.
2. Adopt a policy of non-discrimination for all publicly-maintained and supported institutions.
 - a. Removal of all racial signs and racial subterfuges.
3. Continued and expanded support for the anti-poverty program.
 - a. Establish a City Office for Technical Services to expedite the anti-poverty programs and activities.
 - b. Participation of the city in job-training programs.
4. Improve police service, protection and accelerate the employment of Negro persons as police officers.
 - a. Implement the policy statement dealing with courtesy titles for all citizens, including Negro citizens.
 - b. Establish a Police Cadet Program.
 - c. Elimination of police brutality, both physical and spiritual.
5. Give priority to the elimination of all open ditches, dry toilets and raw sewage in Negro communities, and all other communities.
6. Re-open, expand and improve all recreational facilities, including the re-opening of closed swimming pools.
7. State your position on merger.
 - (a) Would you be in favor of Annexing Mason City, Goldwire Estates, Powderly Hills and the other unincorporated predominately Negro areas outside Birmingham where the residents have petitioned the City to be annexed?
8. Would you work to secure passage of a legislative bill dividing the City into Councilmanic districts to eliminate running at large for City Council?

9. What is your position toward the appointment of Negro attorneys as judges in the City Recorders Court and to the City Legal Department?
10. Elimination of traffic in dope, narcotics, pep pills and other delinquency-creating drugs.

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