council candidate name		how will the city council hold industry accountable for tax abatements and promises of local job creation?	position on use of city funds to purchase the incinerator	do support a moratorium on polluting industries in areas already overburdened like 48217	how do you respond to q: we can't afford to protect public health	what measures will you use to reduce diesel emissions? including ordinances or outside funds	water affordability?	what's your plan for food justice? how would you handle proposed privatization of agriculture in detroit?		why not use the city's water resources to create fish farms?	when will your anti-idling ordinance be enacted and implemented? where is it?	no clear evacuation plan near companies w/ potential to explode. how will you address those issues? evacuation funding goes to other areas w/ out our challenges?	are you taking money from manny maroun for your campaign?	what would you do to go beyond protecting public health to developing citywide equity initiative	since the packard plant fiasco, why has there been limited activity by the state to clean up blighted areas?	what can you do as a council member to stop burning trash in detroit?	yesterday, council passed amendments to eliminate lead from homes. how will you make sure these are implemented?	will you encourage DEQ to keep residents' interests first at state level?	if you are elected, how would you support sustainability of belle isle	given lack of funds, what will you do about enforcement and fining?	what are we going to do about the traffic fines.	lsat statement of what your vision for energy in our city. what issues will you take on?
MOHAMED OKDIE	lived in SW for many years. had to live with the smokestacks. sick and tired of this city being neglected and hurt by environmental pollution. was going to leave in 15 min, but have decided to stay.	live a few blocks from uniroyal. it's been vacant for years because of toxicity. can't build housing on it. one of the most beautiful pieces of property in the city. anyone w/ a business in city has to be responsible for what they leave behind. has to be consequences. industries can't just get up and leave filth behind. we teach children not to do that; how is it that industries are allowed to do that. fines, ordinances, laws. tax abatements need to be linked to whether they are good corporate citizens. the packard plant has been vacant since 1959. it's a magnet for crime, disease, horrible mess, who has to pay to have that cleaned up? state of MI got tax money from Packard for 40 years. state of MI needs to contribute to cleaning it up.	absolutely not. can't add any more to my colleague joann. but going back to last question.	absolutely - because i've been trying to get rid of the ones that are already here. attended a meeting for the composting in SW.	watson is absolutely correct - can't afford not to. two things: health care and education. two fundamental principles by which society grows. if we neglect either one of those, can't succeed.	think about how many times SW Detroit comes up. there are times i'd come out on my porch in summertime - and there'd be a cloud of diesel emissions hovering over the air because a truck's been idling down the street for two hours. first, need to put some kind of filter on the trucks. second, need to ban from neighborhoods - busting up curbs and blocking streets. need to regulate independent truckers, esp in SW Detroit.	watson is absolutely correct. many years ago, i was in sudan and wanted to see pyramids. a man appeared from nowhere and stopped at a twig on a tree. there was a bladder hanging from the tree, filled with cool water.	cockrel is right. this is america. originator of capitalism - private enterprise whether you like it or not. i remember the cass corridor food coop. great idea - wonderful. people came together for common cause in good, wholesome, affordable food. all you had to do was contribute some time. and it was right in the middle of the community. but ultimately, vanished because it didn't have the support. there were many big and small all across the city, but have to have the support. it's in the collective interest to do this. i think it's a great idea for agriculture to be privatized. antithesis of government leading it all. i think it's a wonderful idea, great for community, all for it.	**MOHAMED OKDIE**	why not?			no; he won't meet with me	sounds like we have a socialist in the group. fact of the matter is we don't have equity.	state has neglected entire city of detroit, not just packard plant. it's a pet peeve of mine. no one ever saw fit to do something about that plant.	i laugh at that! bc one of most difficult things to do is getting your neighbors to do the right thing. no ordinance is going to stop anyone. they'll dump it or burn it. enforcement is the key. but i don't agree on privatization. someone has to make sure they do their job, and that's the city. privatization isn't the panacea that everyone thinks it is because someone has to make sure. they'll floss us anyway.	big problem, dealing with people who don't care about anything but themselves and we all have to pay for it. esp in city of detorit, have plethora of those who own properties and live outside and could care less. have to strengthen law and ordinances and make sure people are doing what they're supposed to do. we don't have money to hire more for code compliance, but need to make sure our employees do what they're supposed to do. and how about districts to make sure there's someone who feet can be held to the fire.		first, let's get rid of car racing. second, no fees on belle isle. third, heard about an amusement park (boo). i have an idea - a line item on the budget specifically for the maintenance of belle isle. let' s see who wants to take it out and let them answer to you.	i'm on the board of police commissioners. we oversee the police department. we take complaints from citizens against police officers - for being abused etc. and we investigate. having said that, how about the same for illegal dumpers? investigative team that take complaints from citizens within the police department. can take action against known dumpers. the $300 fee for picking up bulk trash is part of the problem. people in the city can't afford that fee - why don't we get rid of the fee.	envision a public/private partnership - give incentives to lot owners to not gouge the public. maybe close them down for a month. really not sure.	alternative energy is something i've always loved to see. solar - i know we can't do this hear - but the thermal energy used in iceland. i'm in awe of the power of the globe to give us what we need. environmentally safe alternative forms of energy. what disturbs me more than anything else is that we need to clean that part of the city up so people can live there. would like to see all the delrays cleaned up, and alternative uses for the vacant lands - greens up to your hips.
joann watston	sponsored the new business model for detroit solid waste. led protest of beard school construction on sewage sludge.	if they are polluting industries, i will vote no in the first place. challenging to me as someone who always votes against pollutants and for the people.	incinerator should have closed July 1. GDRRA is appointed by the mayor.	support. law dept working on ordinance for us to vote on. we can work with sugar law center on class action lawsuit against the contractors that have made so much money off of making people sick.	can't afford not to. we better take care of folks. got to be a priority; find the money. believe all of us should be going to white house for a billion dollars to fix detroit.	this is one of the three tracks of the EJ task force. tracking emissions is mandated by ordinance. but we also need to limit the number of vehicles. we need to build light rail. and it contributes to economic development.	water is a human right. we've put millions of dollars into water service, and we want citizens to benefit. it's under human services.	i just sponsored a food policy council. about food deserts in detroit. wonderful group of grassroots leaders. eastern market is part of it, DAN and DBSFN - acres of produce. important that city of detroit establish boundaries. and want community-owned grocery store - meeting at capuchin kitchen just last week. brother at save a lot is talking about using the closed farmer jack on jefferson.	**joann watson**	that was part of a plan put together by dr claude handerson (?). and address economic needs. we are majority of city, but only own 2% of businesses. there's a huge imbalance. we need to have fish farms - already shown to be economically viable. we eat a lot of fish. new urban garden at livernois and fenkell is pursuing a fish farm owned by frank stella.			no	we need to be represented on the wayne county board of health.							
david cross	willing to learn. want to be progressive, green, environmental, etc.	credit to gary brown - we need to revisit all of our agreements for compliance and enforceability in noncompliance. many of these ordinances don't have enforcement language. need to redo them. for tax abatements and all these other things - consequence should be that tax breaks be rolled back.	don't think we should buy it. should be closed down immediately. i can help council with the legal stuff; i've been practicing law for 20 years. i understand contracts.	i would go further than a moratorium. i would say a ban. can't do a cost-benefit analysis that jeopardizes our kids and citizens. we don't need a moratorium, need a ban. need to stop so we can deal with our problems.	wholeheartedly agree. God put us here to be stewards. not about exploiting env for profit. can't all be driven by how much money you can make. we won't have a public if we don't protect their health. need to change our values. business can make money and be responsible. and quite frankly, we need to clean it up as well.	i learned from SW detroit - there's a device you can put on trucks to monitor; and there's a federal fund to do that for free. we need to apply. and the great thing about that EJ forum was that they had the ordinance up on the board that requires them to do it.	question perplexes me. if we had ability to bottle air, would we sell it to each other? it's a fundamental basic need.	my parent's ministry fed people. detroit has a tremendous burden to look out for people who are hungry. need to make sure people are fed. heard about urban agriculture, but need more info - complete comprehensive plan - for that.	**david cross**	support the fish farm - any idea that's environmnethally friendly and economically sound. jobs, food, industry, economic development.			no	first, would find the asker and get your ideas. don't really understand what you mean, but it's a big concern and i want to know what you mean by a health equity plan.	detroit legislative delegation and current city council don't talk - no relationship with one another. so how can we ask the state legislature to do for us if there's no communication? we need to get on the same page on those types of issue. term limits have a deleterious affect on our ability to affect legislature.	i have a take on privatization. what's wrong with privatizing something we don't do? like code enforcement - allow private companies to do code compliance, it'll be ok as long as we have all our i's dotted. they can take their pay from a percentage of the fines collected. posting signs on telephone poles is a $500 fine, as fred hall says all the time.	in that problem is a discussion about the charter and the balance of power between mayor and city council. city council should play a role in overseeing those departments and making sure those ordinances are followed. right now, balance of power is not like that. you can use your grassroots voice, but need to get to the charter.		don't support a fee for belle isle, but do support a massive volunteer effort to take care of the park. not just a one weekend thing, etc. but need to engage people. problem with belle isle is primarily for a few months. four or five month period - amass a huge volunteer effort to assist in maintaining the park; but needs to be a priority for government and doesn't just have to be detroiters.	john bennett says we need to charge a civil fine to a misdemeanor or felony. doesn't even have to be a first time - maybe if it's a repeat offender - that would be a serious deterrent. look at known dumping sites and use technology - cameras to keep a record on known dumpsites to catch the perpetrators. and increase the penalties for illegal dumping.	if you noticed - ratcheted up enforcement in the last months. they mail you a ticket and it's always late. i guess it's the most efficient revenue generator for the city, but do need to reign that in. it's a deterrent to enjoy or do business downtown. got to revisit the issue.	my vision is continuing to evolve as i learn more and see what people want to see in the city. but what will never change - we can't have sustainable neighborhoods that's contaminated. where people are challenged by pollution in their hoods. got to clean up the mess that we have. everything we do has to be with a mindset of cleaning up the city, and bringing in industries that promote the type of city we want to be. clean up toxic sites. and where i grew up in north end with incinerator fumes wafting over. want a clean, environmentally safe city. don't get me started on litter. that's personal values.
kenny cockrel	i founded and continue to chair the green task force. the major foci are: get city to be more energy efficient (like anti-idling ordinance), and green purchasing ordinance. to favor environmental products and contractors and vendors that use those. and to promote growth and dev of green industries and green housing development. like power of green housing, recently approved by city council.		do not support it. it's a backwards step. legal maneuvering to get out of the deal will take some time. it was the council under joann that appropriated money to fund recycling pilot. and i as mayor launched the pilot project now servicing 30k households. ultimately, that's where we need to go; purchasing the incinerator is something i can't support.	this was my idea, so obviously i support it.	can't afford not to do it, and the right way. if we don't pay now, we'll pay later - through increased incidents of asthma, poor air quality, etc. makes more sense to be more proactive, put proper environmental protections in place. take care of people, make sure businesses are responsible. if we don't pay to get it done right now, will pay later.	anti-idling ordinance: we have been working on. it regulates ability of anyone, esp trucks, to idle. esp in SW Detroit. seek to prevent that bc it's a major contributor to diesel emissions. also need to regulate our own vehicles and drivers. can't just slap fines on businesses if DPW and etc. are doing the same thing.	first opposed the plan. but in the wake of economic collapse, need to make it effective and implement it right. administration is doing it poorly, so many out there that could be serviced but aren't benefiting. at the end of the day, need to uplift people. if you're having trouble paying water bill, you've got bigger problems than water bill. we can't keep cutting checks to people.	i was at a meeting at gleaners sponsored by united food workers. focus was this issue. DEGC and them and my office have been working on the idea of employee-owned supermarket in the city. can the question asker stand up and clarify? (lottie - will the plans for commercial ag or community grocery store - are they going to help needy people or just contribute to gentrification?) this is america - and some company is always going to try to make money off an idea, but that shouldn't scare us. we tracked urban ag efforts when i was mayor. 800 grassroots gardens. but there's room for both company farms and little gardens. think there's room for every player.	**kenny cockrel**	absolutely think it's an outstanding idea. other water resources that could be used for profit - us bottling our own water. grand rapids bottled its own water. think it's something we need to look at. we have some of the cleanest water in the area. we could bottle it in glass. we need to look at it as a way to generate profits. i have to get to another forum so this is my last forum.	it's in the law department awaiting approval and signoffs. hope next week it'll come back. but it's tight because we're nearing end of term. if we don't get it done by end of november, will have to reintroduce in january to new city council.	part of how we have to address: we need to send more appropriate personnel to these affected areas. we got homeland security and emergency division of fire to go into 48217 to explain what the evacuation plan is. and there's an automated phone call that goes to all residents alerting of chemical or other emergency. need to use the funding available from DC to get this for Detroit.	no; he won't meet with me								
fred hall	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present	**fred hall**	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present	not present	there's a lot of things on my website that talk about health issues in city of detroit. incinerator, lead poisoning, asthma, southwest detroit... i'm a soccer and baseball coach. i was told every kid on a team in SW carries an inhaler. i would love to see the state get involved and put the people's needs first. i'm a business man and understand business, but i see need for putting enviornmental quality first. need to keep air clean and water clean. we also don't have water testing at belle isle beach.	very unique. most unique - only island park in US. like to go after grant money we know is available to help with parks. eg. donele wilkins said we leave grant dollars from forestry dept just sitting that could be used for belle isle and our parks. toronto's island has horse riding and canoeing and all that. don't have a problem bringing in private companies to offer those services. but i don't support a fee for belle isle.	we have thousands of unenforced ordinances on the books. if we just enforce those, could build revenue. allow a city-based company to do things we're not doing. signs on lightposts are $500 fine. we could give a company 20% of what's collected and keep 80% for city of detroit. can't do it ourself - let's let someone else do it and create jobs. tax benefits by getting the jobs too.	ferndale and royal oak have lower parking fees to encourage people to come and drink, dine, shop. not business hours - need to have turnover, but on the off peak hours, let the parking garages be a lot cheaper. at football games - places charge $40 - to see the lions!	i love this questions. there's no urban planner that doesn't think detroit needs to rightsize. not for eminent domain - have aunts and uncles who are not going to move. but we need to move people closer to each other. people like to live around schools. more sense of community, provide services more efficiently, look at mass transit from downtown to different communities. and other land can be green spaces, greenways, alternative energy, urban ag. why go to wixom when you could do it right here? for all the natural resources here - turn the river into a hydroplant. there are 8000 parts to a turbine. we need to get manufacturers here in detroit. the intelligence that goes into those. 2000 pieces of software in a turbine. we're poised to that. name is fred hall, i'm on call.... something something city hall.
Tom Barrow came because he wanted to know more about green issues.																						