



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Joseph E. Simmons

Age: --

Family: Single, No Children

Hometown: Kansas City, Kansas

Lived in Oakland since: 1995

Education: BA and MPA Kansas State University;

M.Div. Virginia Union University

D.Min. United Theological Seminary

Occupation: CEO & Senior Pastor,

Employer: Greater St. Paul Church

Political experience: Democratic Party

Notable affiliations:

-Pastors of Oakland

-Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

-100 Black Men of America, Bay-Area

-Black Elected Officials and Faith Based Leaders of the Bay Area

1. What do you see as the greatest challenges when it comes to providing residents with a livable, affordable and safe community?

A Transparent & Responsive City Hall that supports:

-Housing Security & Homelessness

-Safe and Secure Neighborhoods

-Supporting Local Business and Economics

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2. What is the biggest opportunity for your district or city during the next four years?

To create homelessness and better affordable housing solutions

3. Describe your commitment to your district or city leading up to your bid for office.

I have the Senior Pastor of the Greater St. Paul Church of Oakland for the last 24 years. I have served people all over the City and the Bay-Area for in housing solutions, feeding the homeless, clothing the homeless, etc.

4. Silicon Valley and the Bay Area are at the center of global, technological advancement. How do you see technology's role in changing the lives of both longtime residents and transplants?