

Questions for 2017 Atlanta Mayoral Candidates

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Do you support the law enforcement strategy known as broken-windows policing?

(Check one) Support Oppose Partially Support Undecided

2. Do you support the law enforcement strategy known as community policing?

(Check one) Support Oppose Partially Support Undecided

3. Do you personally support the passage of a state-level Hate Crimes Law in Georgia?

(Check one) Support Oppose Undecided

4. Should the Municipal Court of Atlanta pursue alternatives to placing convicted and fined defendants on private probation, such as the alternatives of community service or government-run probation without monthly fees?

(Check one) Yes No Undecided

5. Should Atlanta Police Department officers receive religious and cultural sensitivity training, including training related to the American Muslim community?

(Check one) Yes No Undecided

6. Upon request, should the Atlanta jail grant religious dietary accommodations (kosher, halal, vegetarian, etc.) to individuals in extended law enforcement custody?

(Check one) Yes No Undecided

7. Upon request, should the Atlanta jail permit female inmates who cover their hair for religious reasons to continue wearing their hijabs, or other religious scarves, while detained?

(Check one) Support Oppose Undecided

8. The Atlanta Police Department participates in the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) program, which has arranged for hundreds of Georgia officers to engage in policing training with Israel, China, Egypt, and other foreign governments, despite human rights abuses committed by some of these nations.

1. Would you continue APD involvement in this program without changes?

2. Would you temporarily pause this program in order to learn more, and meet with concerned community leaders, before sending new officers overseas?

3. Would you terminate APD involvement with this program, and limit foreign police training to nations without a history of human rights violations?

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

9. Should the City of Atlanta require faith-based non-profit organizations, such as private religious shelters or charities, to provide services to all members of the public, even if providing those services would violate the non-profit's sincerely held religious beliefs?

(Check one) Yes No Undecided

10. Should the City of Atlanta require for-profit businesses to provide services to all members of the public, even if providing those services would violate the business owner's sincerely held religious beliefs?

(Check one) Yes No Undecided

11. Does the First Amendment protect a city employee from disciplinary action if he or she expresses potentially controversial religious views while off-duty and speaking in a private capacity? For example, an employee writes on his or her personal Facebook page, "As a member of a polytheistic faith, I personally believe that all monotheistic faiths are false religions."

Yes. Protected First Amendment Speech No. Subject To Discipline
Undecided

12. Upon request, should the Atlanta Public School System grant space on-campus for K-12 students of any faith to use for private prayer, including the daily Islamic prayers?

(Check one) Yes No Undecided

13. Should school officials and teachers receive cultural sensitivity training, including training related to the American Muslim community?

(Check one) Support Oppose Undecided

14. This year, Mayor Reed hosted and attended the City of Atlanta's first annual Ramadan Interfaith Iftar (Fast-Breaking Dinner). Do you plan continue this annual tradition?

(Check one) Yes No Undecided

HOUSING & THE ECONOMY

15. Do you support guaranteeing affordable housing for Atlanta families earning a maximum of 30% of the Area Median Income, or a different range?

(Check one) Yes No Undecided Other AMI Range _____

16. Fulltime City of Atlanta employees now receive a minimum wage of \$15 per hour. Would you maintain that minimum wage for city employees? If not, what would you consider a reasonable minimum wage for city employees?

Yes No

17. If you become the Mayor, and Governor Deal asks for your opinion about whether the state should establish a minimum wage higher than the current \$7.25, how would you respond? If yes, what would you consider a reasonable minimum wage in Georgia?

Yes No

DISCRIMINATION & CIVIL RIGHTS

18. Did you vote for Donald J. Trump in the 2016 presidential election? (Check one) Yes No Prefer not to say

19. Do you currently support President Trump's executive order barring nationals of six Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States?

(Check one) Support Oppose Prefer not to say

20. Do you believe the President's "travel ban" is motivated primarily by legitimate concerns about national security or by anti-Muslim bigotry or both?

(Check one) Security Bigotry Both Prefer not to say

21. Should United States, as well as the City of Atlanta, welcome visitors and immigrants, regardless of their faith?

(Check one) Yes No Prefer not to say

22. Earlier this summer, the anti-Islam hate group ACT for America held an armed protest in Piedmont Park against "Sharia." As Mayor, would you denounce anti-Muslim hate speech and hate crimes if they occur in Atlanta?

(Check one) Yes No Prefer not to say

23. Should the City of Atlanta rename all public streets that recognize members of the Confederacy?

(Check one) Yes No Undecided