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Responses from Ward 1 Candidates (in alphabetical order):

Jim Graham (Democrat) <http://www.grahamwone.com>

1. Name the two biggest challenges facing your Ward, and briefly explain how you would work to solve them. (Maximum 100 words)

Public Safety and Housing. I have worked to fund and open a police substation with about 100 officers at 750 Park Road; increase police presence through new officers (funding obtained for 450 new officers in FY07); hands on response to crime. I am the author of rent control reform (100,000 apts impacted city wide); fought slumlords; authored affordable housing set asides. The best constituent services in the city.

2. How has your Ward changed since you moved into it (or in the past 10 years)? Explain whether you feel the change has been good or bad for the community, and why. (Maximum 100 words)

It has been transformed in the best way, since we have worked successfully to preserve our diversities. We have not only saved but also rehabilitated 3000 units of low income housing on the 14th Street corridor in Ward One. Take a look at Columbia Heights, or U Street, and also the beginnings on Georgia Ave, and you will see what I have done working with others. This means jobs for ward one residents, such as the new Giant which hired more than 100 local people. For the good times, we welcomed the newcomer but I have worked hard to keep
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3. Name two specific skills or experiences that make you uniquely qualified to represent your Ward on the City Council. (Maximum 100 words)

Eight years experience as the Councilmember, along with 15 years before that as Executive Director of Whitman Walker Clinic, which reinforced by commitment to those most vulnerable. I relate very successfully to all the diversities of ward one, namely: African Americans, Latinos, Ethiopians, Vietnamese and those who share my background.



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4. Name a political figure (either local or national) who you greatly admire and explain why. (Maximum 100 words)

Robert Kennedy, for his commitment to those who are in greatest need, and for his intelligence and eloquence.

5. Fill in the following blanks (no more than two sentences):

a) The most recent book I read and enjoyed was "First Footsteps in East Africa" by Sir Richard Burton.

b) My favorite television show/movie is: I recently enjoyed the Devil Wears Prada.

c) In my spare time I love to: Collect antiques.



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Chad Williams (Democrat) <http://www.1forchad.com>

1. Name the two biggest challenges facing your Ward, and briefly explain how you would work to solve them. (Maximum 100 words)

(1) Equitable access to quality affordable housing and (2) uniformed constituent services and representation. (1) Working to solve affordable housing I will advocate through legislation discounted development rights to portions of unused or vacant public properties, particularly properties entrusted to the NCRC. This initiative will allow a higher percentage of affordable rental and owner occupied units to be built on public land. (2) I will create a consistent atmosphere of inclusive participation, as the councilmember, by engaging in continuing active dialogue with all interest groups, neighborhood associations and individual ANCs on issues challenging the Ward.

2. How has your Ward changed since you moved into it (or in the past 10 years)? Explain whether you feel the change has been good or bad for the community, and why. (Maximum 100 words)

Ward 1 has the most diverse neighborhoods in the city and that continuing change in diversity, which is good, provides opportunities for the Ward to extract these new resources from every neighborhood to create an inclusive urban live, work and play lifestyle environment for everyone. However those opportunities have not been maximized by our current Ward leader; as a result, a feeling of displacement has risen up in neighborhoods that creates an unfair animosity towards this good change. Change is good as long as that change does not unjustifiable hurt long term residents and the less fortunate.

3. Name two specific skills or experiences that make you uniquely qualified to represent your Ward on the City Council. (Maximum 100 words)

I provide my Ward with practical national and international affordable housing and economic opportunities development experience. I also provide my Ward with personable life experiences and skills as a native Washingtonian who has overcome challenging environments to succeed; providing a Ward of diversity with access to a councilmember who is comfortable, in, and can communicate ,with, all societal environments daily.



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a) The most recent book I read and enjoyed was “Dragon King’s Palace”, Laura Joh Rowland.

b) My favorite television show/movie is TV Show “24” / Movie “Dances with Wolves”.

c) In my spare time I love to ride my mountain bicycle or hike through the local park trails or in the mountains of the Shenandoah Valley.