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**1. What is the greatest need for the city at the moment that you would like to address? The greatest need for the city at the moment is jobs. We should utilize our economic development center and the Pine Bluff Chamber to recruit and retain businesses. We should leverage our incentive programs to foster business incentives in our community.**

**2. What is the greatest need for your ward that you would like to address? In Ward 2, the greatest need is to address flooding, community safety, code enforcement with dilapidated housing, and vacant [properties should be cleaned.**

**3. With the defeat of the current 5/8-cent sales tax, how do you plan to work with the city government to facilitate ongoing and future capital improvements? Open communication with the mayor, city clerk and other elected officials. Review the current capital improvement budget and recommend adjustments for improvement. Attending public forums to explain the capital improvement budget.**

**4. Which improvements are of most importance to you? The improvements most important to me are street reconstructions and improvement. The effects of flooding on our streets and how we can better provide upkeep and maintenance. Our current internet and cable infrastructure is also in need of further upgrades and development.**

**5. Eleven of the 28 homicide victims in Pine Bluff last year were 18 or younger. What is your plan for helping to improve safety among young people? As an educator for more than 35 years, we have to reach youth within the community where they are**



**most inclined to gather, as parks, local sports and amusement activities. To improve safety among our young people, we should establish safety zones within our schools and community centers. Provide adult mentors and role models for our youth and educate them on improving social skills, becoming a mental health advocate, and providing interaction with others.**

**6. How do you plan to help Pine Bluff regain its standing as a retail hub for southeast Arkansas? This refers to our greatest need in Pine Bluff, building up our economic alliances, recruiting and providing incentives for business. Moreover, we should think of our affordable housing initiative, and use this tool as a recruiting tool for young families.**

**7. What is your plan for attracting families of potential employees at GTL Americas, which will be built 15 miles north of the city but in Jefferson County, to live in Pine Bluff? GTL Americas will provide the competitive salary needed by young families to build a thriving family in the area. We will focus on our award-winning school districts, and the wonderful family-oriented activities we have developed and will continue to build in our community. Our beautiful parks and recreational areas will foster their children's physical, mental and social development.**