

MAR'TAVIUS PROCTOR

1. What is the greatest need for the city at the moment that you would like to address? The greatest need for our city at the moment that I would address is enhancing the quality of life here in Pine Bluff. This includes job creation, strengthening our education system, community revitalization, and improving public safety.

2. What is the greatest need for your ward that you would like to address? Ward 4 is in dire need of attention. In Ward 4, I would address the lack of litter prevention that we are faced with. As a councilman, I will propose legislation to create a clean team whose primary job is to maintain our neighborhoods and keep them clean.

3. With the defeat of the current $\frac{5}{8}$ -cent sales tax, how do you plan to work with the city government to facilitate ongoing and future capital improvements? With the defeat of the $\frac{5}{8}$ -cent sales tax, I plan to work [with] city government to facilitate ongoing and future capital improvements by ensuring transparent decision-making and collaborating with other officials to create a comprehensive plan.

4. Which improvements are of most importance to you? As a councilman, I will engage with residents and stakeholders to gather input, assess priorities, and ensure transparency. I will also work with our Mayor and other officials to develop and implement a long-term strategic plan that prioritizes capital improvements based on the needs of the community and growth projections.

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?



My plan to help improve safety among young people is simply to invest in their well-being. I am committed to working with city departments to find ways to invest in measures to improve neighborhood safety, such as increased street lighting, pedestrian infrastructure, and crime prevention initiatives. I also plan to ensure that the City increases its youth outreach and engagement. As an Alderman, I will actively engage with young people through town hall meetings, youth councils, and other forums to listen to their concerns and involve them in the decision-making processes. I will also support and work closely with local schools and programs that provide positive outlets for young people and keep them engaged in constructive activities.

6. How do you plan to help Pine Bluff regain its standing as a retail hub for southeast Arkansas? : I plan to work with the Mayor and other elected officials to help Pine Bluff regain its standing as a retail hub for Southeast Arkansas. This could be achieved by offering financial incentives to retailers willing to open stores in Pine Bluff, especially in underserved areas or areas targeted for revitalization. I would also work with city departments to reduce bureaucratic hurdles and invest in infrastructure improvements. I also would work to actively recruit retailers and highlight the benefits of doing business in Pine Bluff.

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? I plan to work with the mayor and city departments to implement various strategies to attract families to live in Pine Bluff. These strategies would be geared toward improving our education systems, creating family-friendly amenities, increasing the availability of affordable housing, and enhancing public safety measures.

