

Candidate Questionnaire for Atlanta's 2025 Citywide Elections

Section I: Personal Background and Motivation

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Brief Biography (max 250 words):

Delvin Davis is a policy analyst, community advocate, and candidate for Atlanta City Council District 12. With more than 15 years of experience in housing, transportation, and infrastructure policy, Delvin has built a career focused on creating safe, vibrant, and equitable communities. He has worked with government agencies, nonprofits, and residents to advance policies that expand affordable housing, improve mobility, and strengthen public safety.

As a proud resident of Atlanta's southside, Delvin understands the challenges facing District 12—from aging infrastructure to economic disinvestment—but also sees its enormous potential. His campaign is grounded in equity, accountability, and transparency, with a vision for an Atlanta where every neighborhood, including Buckhead, thrives together. He believes that what strengthens Buckhead—safe streets, strong schools, walkable neighborhoods, and vibrant businesses—must also be true for Pittsburgh, Capitol View, and all of District 12.

Section II: Priorities

1. What are your top three priorities if elected?
 - Enhancing public safety while building community trust and ensuring accountability.
 - Addressing housing affordability and neighborhood revitalization across Atlanta.
 - Upgrading infrastructure—streets, sidewalks, stormwater systems—so all residents can move safely and confidently around the city

Section III: Public Safety

2. The Atlanta Public Safety Training Center has sparked both support and opposition throughout our city. How do you view the Public Safety Training Center's role in

shaping the future of public safety, and how would you ensure it serves the needs of both first responders and the broader community?

The Public Safety Training Center should prepare first responders with modern skills while earning community trust. For District 12, that means ensuring training emphasizes de-escalation, cultural competency, and mental health response, not just tactical readiness. I would push for independent oversight and meaningful community involvement in shaping training priorities. Public safety is strongest when residents and officers see each other as partners, not adversaries.

Section IV: Transportation and Infrastructure

3. Traffic congestion, caused by delivery trucks and rideshare vehicles, physically blocks travel lanes on major roads like Peachtree and Piedmont. How can we ensure that this dangerous practice stops?

Traffic blockages caused by delivery trucks and rideshare vehicles are not just a Buckhead problem—they affect corridors across Atlanta. The solution is clear: more designated loading and rideshare zones, backed by smart enforcement tools like curbside cameras and fines. I'd also work to expand these strategies into South Atlanta corridors that face similar congestion and safety issues.

4. What is your vision for revitalizing the Lindbergh area and addressing the visible blight along Piedmont Road, a key gateway into Buckhead? How would you work with city agencies and law enforcement to improve safety and aesthetics in this high-priority corridor?

The blight along Piedmont and in Lindbergh is a reminder of what happens when development lacks coordination. I'd advocate for mixed-use, transit-oriented revitalization that creates housing, retail, and green space while improving lighting, safety, and code enforcement. Lessons from revitalizing Lindbergh should also be applied in South Atlanta, where similar corridors need investment and vision.

5. Buckhead lacks sufficient sidewalk infrastructure, particularly in some residential neighborhoods and near schools, making walking uncomfortable and unsafe for many residents. While progress has been made in the commercial core, large portions of the community remain disconnected. What specific policies or funding strategies would you support to accelerate and incentivize sidewalk construction throughout Buckhead?

Sidewalk access is a basic quality-of-life issue. In District 12, many neighborhoods remain disconnected, and Buckhead residents share that same frustration. I support leveraging TSPLOST funds, development impact fees, and neighborhood cost-share programs to accelerate sidewalk construction near schools, transit stops, and parks. Prioritizing pedestrian safety makes all neighborhoods safer and more livable.

Section V: Education - Atlanta Public Schools (APS)

6. Many schools throughout Atlanta are currently facing significant under-enrollment. As part of the ongoing Facilities Master Plan, the APS Board is considering recommendations for school consolidations and redistricting by late 2025. Specifically, APS has circulated a recent plan under community review that outlines various scenarios that could repurpose and consolidate existing facilities. What is your position on potential school closures or consolidations within APS? How do you believe these changes could impact schools in Buckhead, which currently experience some of the highest enrollment levels in the district?

APS's facilities plan must balance efficiency with equity. Buckhead schools may have strong enrollment, but decisions about closures elsewhere affect the entire system. I oppose hasty school closures that disrupt students and families without clear academic benefits. Instead, I support transparent community engagement and strategic planning that strengthens under-enrolled schools while protecting Buckhead's successful ones.

Section VI: Watershed

7. Considering the recurring and increasingly severe flooding events along Peachtree Creek, what specific policies or infrastructure investments would you advocate for to mitigate future flood risks and protect vulnerable neighborhoods? How will we pay for these?

Flooding along Peachtree Creek and in South Atlanta neighborhoods like Pittsburgh requires both local and citywide solutions. I support expanding green infrastructure, modernizing stormwater systems, and pursuing federal and state funding to reduce the burden on Atlanta residents. Equity must guide this work so vulnerable neighborhoods are prioritized.



8. The city has experienced multiple water main breaks and wastewater spills in recent years. What specific policies or oversight mechanisms would you support to prevent future infrastructure failures?

Water main breaks and spills result from aging infrastructure and lack of accountability. I'd push for a transparent capital improvement schedule, third-party audits, and accelerated replacement of failing systems. District 12 and Buckhead alike depend on reliable water infrastructure—this is a citywide priority we cannot ignore.

Section VII: Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO)

9. Buckhead contains the majority of Atlanta's tree canopy and has seen significant community concern regarding the finalized Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO). How would you balance the need for development with the goal of protecting Atlanta's urban forest, especially in rapidly growing neighborhoods? What new policies or solutions, if any, would you support to strengthen the Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) code enforcement process, currently managed by the Arborist Division within the Department of City Planning?

Protecting Atlanta's tree canopy is critical in both Buckhead and South Atlanta. Development pressure is real, but it must not come at the cost of our urban forest. I support strengthening enforcement within the Arborist Division, increasing staffing, and requiring more robust tree replacement when removals occur. Trees protect against flooding, heat, and poor air quality—issues that directly impact District 12.

Section VIII: Final Thoughts – How Buckhead can Help the City of Atlanta

10. In what ways can the Buckhead community actively support the priorities you've set for your district or post within the City of Atlanta? Where do you believe Buckhead can have the most meaningful impact in advancing Atlanta's overall growth, prosperity, and quality of life?

Buckhead's success is Atlanta's success, and collaboration across neighborhoods is the key to lifting the entire city. Buckhead can help advance District 12's priorities by partnering on regional transit expansion, supporting housing policies that ensure affordability citywide, and investing in small business growth. By working together, Buckhead and District 12 can demonstrate how every corner of Atlanta contributes to a stronger, safer, and more inclusive city.