



Edwardsville | Glen Carbon
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CITY OF EDWARDSVILLE: ALDERMAN CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: *Yolanda Crochrell*

Position Sought: *Ward 2 Alderman*

1. Please provide us with some basic information. Tell us briefly about:

a. Your family: *My husband Delanders Crochrell works as Supervisor for MCT. We have two adult sons: Dominique Crochrell works for American Airlines and Darius Crochrell works for the Federal bank. They both graduated from Edwardsville CUSD#7*

b. How long you've lived in Edwardsville: *Our family has lived here for over 20 years*

c. Your education: *Associates of Science in Business Management*

d. Your employment:

*Administrative Director of Events, Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church;
Project Director for 21st Century, Madison School District #12*

2. Why are you seeking this office? *I decided to run in response to the lack of diversity in the Edwardsville City Council. I am currently a Precinct Committee Person for Madison County, so I have been involved in local government for some time now.*

3. What education, skills and experiences have prepared you to deal with the complex financial, technical and legal issues that regularly come before city council? *I have a degree in Business Management. Among my various positions, I serve as Commissioner for the Madison County Housing Authority Board, the Executive Director of Quad City Community Development Center, a non-for-profit organization, a Partner grant writer and Conference/Meeting Planner.*

As with any new job or position, there is a learning curve but I am not one who shrinks from challenges. I am excited and look forward to this new experience. My approach would be the same with the City Council as it is in my past and current roles: as Council member I would study the issue, take into account the views of constituents, pertinent city officials, and the other City Council members after which we could arrive at a satisfactory solution.

4. What, if anything, should the city of Edwardsville do to retain, expand and attract 'head of household' jobs? Edwardsville has been building several high-end housing developments. Now we need to focus on providing housing for essential workers who earn on the lower-end income bracket.

5. Identify and prioritize the three most important 'large capital' projects in the city of Edwardsville. Please justify your prioritization. How do you propose to pay for these projects? I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.

6. What are your thoughts on city finances? I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.

a. Are there opportunities to cut expenses? I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.

Specifically, where are those opportunities? I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.

b. Is there a need for new or additional revenue? I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.

Specifically, where would it come from? I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.

c. Are there areas where spending needs to be increased? I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.

Specifically, where does spending need to increase? *I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.*

Specifically, where would the money come from? *I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.*

7. What do you believe is the role of a city council member in the city administrator form of government? *I believe that a Council member role is to be of sound mind and a good steward over city funds; and to promote a vibrant community life and strong economy so that our city can continue to thrive.*

8. Governor J.B. Pritzker recently signed into law HB 3653. How do you recommend the city prepare for the unfunded financial burden when this law goes into effect? *I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.*

9. If you're the incumbent, what have been your significant accomplishments during your term? If you're the challenger, what do you believe have been the significant disappointments of the incumbents, and how would your term in office be different? *There is a lack of communication and Council presence in my ward. Most people that I talk to do not know who their Alderman is. Community and Communication is key. I will listen to residents and collaborate with the other City Council members to find solutions together.*

10. Will you commit to not raising the city's property tax levy? *I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.*

11. Glen Carbon has placed a moratorium on collection of school district impact fees. Are you willing to again consider an impact fee moratorium? *I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.*

12. If elected, what would be your top three priorities?

1. Safety- Extend Walking/Biking Trail to include Ward 2 to keep people safe.

2. Diversity and Racial Equality for all in Edwardsville
3. Preserve and Provide Green Space in our neighborhoods

13. At the end of your term in office, how will you know if you've been successful? *If I get re-elected*

14. Are there any changes you would like to see regarding:

a. how city council functions? *More diversity in leadership roles and Racial Equality.*

b. how committees function? *I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.*

c. how departments function? *I respectfully reserve my answer to this question currently. It would be premature for me to comment until I have all the facts that a City Council member is privy to.*