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2025 ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Tiawana Deling Brown

Position: City of Charlotte City Council District 03

Party: Democrat

Please provide demographic information about yourself to help voters (age, education, current occupation, where you live).

I am 54 years old and currently serving my first term on Charlotte City Council. I am a senior at Johnson C. Smith University, where I maintain a 4.0 GPA. I'm also the CEO and founder of a nonprofit that provides services to justice-impacted people, including housing and workforce development, and I am a small business owner. Born and raised in District 3, I've lived here my entire life. My leadership is rooted in lived experience, and I am committed to equity, second chances, and opportunity for all.

Why are you running for this role and why should voters pick you? Please share any experience in an elected role that would be relevant to voters.

As The People's Champion, I've led with heart, truth, and a commitment to lifting voices that are too often left out of the conversation. During my first term on Charlotte City Council, I've championed funding for Alternatives to Violence (ATV)—a vital, community-based program working to interrupt cycles of gun violence.

I've also been proud to champion support for deserving grassroots nonprofits that do the work every day on the ground, including For the Struggle Inc., Save Our Children Movement (SOCM), Roof Above, and many more. These are the organizations that know our communities, and I've made sure they receive the public funding they deserve.

I've stood firm behind the People's Budget, fought for better pay and working conditions for Charlotte's airport workers, and been a voice for separating animal control services from CMPD—ensuring animals receive appropriate care and oversight.

As a member of the Housing, Safety, and Community Committee, I've been part of the leadership that increased the City's Housing Bond to \$100 million, the largest in our city's history. That investment will help more families access affordable housing, preserve neighborhoods, and prevent displacement.

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Everything I do in this seat reflects my mission to put people over politics. I lead from lived experience and fight for solutions that are rooted in equity, dignity, and real community impact. I don't just talk about change—I make it happen, with and for the people.

What is one thing you would like to accomplish in the first six months if elected?

As the sitting Council Member, I've made several accomplishments, from increasing the Housing Bond to \$100 million to securing funding for Alternatives to Violence and grassroots nonprofits. In the first six months of my next term, I will focus on expanding transitional housing options for justice-impacted and unsheltered residents—ensuring people have not only a place to stay, but access to services that help them thrive. Housing with dignity remains my top priority.

What is your position on the proposed transit tax and why? Will you vote in favor of it or against it in November?

I will listen first: host meetings in my office, engage with residents affected by transit access or burdened by tax increases, and heed the voices of community-based groups.

I will demand transparency, ensuring voters understand the policy details, trade-offs, and long-term impacts—especially around affordability and representation.

My vote will reflect the input of constituents and community leaders, not political pressure. I aim to act in the best interest of District 3 and Mecklenburg County as a whole.

What endorsements from any notable NC organizations or individuals have you received?

The endorsement process is still ongoing; however, I am proud to have received support from SEIU and the Metrolina Labor Union, both of which represent strong advocacy for working families and labor rights. I've also been endorsed by numerous respected community leaders and individuals, whose names and contributions can be found on my campaign website: www.tiawanabrown.com. Additional endorsements from organizations and elected officials are currently under review and will be announced as they are confirmed.

Tell us something unexpected about you that voters may be interested to know.

Something voters may find unexpected is that I will be featured in and co-producing a powerful documentary on reproductive injustice, led by an Emmy Award-winning film team. The film is set to premiere in 2026 and will highlight voices and stories often left out of the national conversation—including those of justice-impacted women like myself. This opportunity is not just about telling my story—it's about helping to amplify the experiences of countless others who have faced systemic barriers. I'm proud to be part of a project that will educate, inspire, and push for real change.