# Responses from Mayoral Candidate Debresia LeSane

- **As a mayor candidate, what do you see as the future of the two CRAs? Any involvement of RMA? A new firm to help oversee the projects? Internal City Management?**

  As a resident and as a Mayor candidate, I see no future whatsoever for the CRA nor the RMA. They are firms who pose as community redevelopers, instead they are community thieves. Most of its representatives aren't from the communities they serve, so we get what they want, instead of what we need. Millions spent on non-resident ideas, rather than the ideas and projects proposed from our residents. There is no need for a new firm to oversee the new projects we propose, we've come too far from the plantation. It is time to let our residents oversee and request projects, that they feel will their communities. That is the only way we can be effective. There's an tricky and treacherous flaw in our internal city management, where the city only manages to sustain the rich, and build tall buildings to hide the poor. It is beyond time for change.

- **As you seek to replace Lamar Fisher, how would you assess his tenure?**

  As I seek to replace the deplorable Lamar Fisher, I assess his inadequate tenure as I do Donald Trump and George W. Bush. His family history is full of greed and dictatorship, it all begin when his Great-Grandfather signed the Articles of Incorporation for the City of Pompano Beach in 1908. Think about America at that time, and how they treated Africans in America. His grandfather was the Mayor in 1943, when the black community picked beans and pepper's for 10 cent per full basket. When black children had to work in the fields instead of going to school, because there was no school in picking seasons. Passed on to his grandson to continue their disgraceful family legacy. While seated as Mayor, Fisher worked as CEO/President of his family auction firm. Their family has auctioned millions here in Pompano Beach, that they are ranked in the top 10 of auction firms in the United States. Imagine just how much land have the Fisher family have auctioned and profited off this city for the last 110 years. I am proud to be the candidate to replace this despicable excuse for an human being. Good riddance to the Fisher Family.

- **Why do you think you would be a better choice for mayor than your competition?**

  I don't think but I know, that I am the better choice for Mayor than my competition. Due to the fact, that Politics is no longer a competition. It is no longer reserved only for rich candidates. The people have realized they have a choice, and deserve the right to be heard by officials they can relate to. My leadership has enhanced the minds and hearts of the people, that now have hope for an inclusive future, here in Pompano Beach. Choices and opportunities have become a monopoly, that excludes residents but tax them without representation. I am the candidate that represents that dire need for change.

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- **If you had to isolate the one simple issue that the city needs to focus on during the upcoming term, what would that be?**
  If I had to isolate one simple issue the city needs to focus on during the upcoming term, is taxation with representation. Jobs in this city aren't made available to residents who qualify. The residents who struggle in Pompano Beach, struggle due to the vast lack of opportunities and gentrification. For instance, the fact that we have 967 city full-time and part-time jobs. However, 627 of those full-time and part-time jobs are held by non-residents. We have many over-qualified residents and contractors who are intentionally overlooked. Certain entities in this city are fully grown and in the future will need minimum investments, while most parts are malnourished and dark. Those are the areas that will forever be my concerns as Mayor of this city. A city should not be judged by how it treats its highest residents, but its lowest.

- **This campaign seems to have taken on a more aggressive tone than typical Pompano Beach elections. Do you have any thoughts on the tenor of the campaign?**

  This campaign has an aggressive tone because a great number of residents demand change. While few rich residents battle for greed and the land that belongs to all whom pay taxes. Typically the Mayor of Pompano is elected unopposed, without the residents choice. This time it's part of a general election. This time we have a candidate that is actually for the people and change, while the other fight against those same changes and people. The tenor of this campaign may seem aggressive, because at this point it's too late to stop the changes that our residents demand. Pompano will be a place where residents can find a sympathetic ear and a competent ally, a place where they will not be turned away or cheated, a place where they will actually be proud to be represented by men and women of all colors.

- **"Citizens for a Better Pompano Beach" has created some controversy during the campaign cycle. Your thoughts?**

  The controversy surrounded by "Citizens for a Better Pompano Beach," is the fact that the committee doesn't actually consist of worthy members. It is an organization whose purpose is to keep the rich wealthy, and displace the poor for their tall buildings. This committee acts as little kids in grown up dress, playing the board game monopoly. We fought to get rid of the CRA, only for them to resurface with a committee that only Trump would applaud. A bribe organization, who only supports candidates who will help them continue the Gentrification that has been implemented over the last decade. A committee who brags about raising the property value for one home, while destroying several others. A committee who stops at nothing to erase economic opportunities for its

residents, while pretending to promote tourism. I am here to blow out the torch, that they wish to pass on.

- **It is easy to find people offering criticism of certain candidates. We're also interested in hearing the positives. Is there one prominent supporter that you would like to direct us toward for possible follow up? Please provide email and phone contact info.**

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