

The banner features a purple background with a yellow and white chevron graphic on the right. On the left, the text 'SAUNTEEL JENKINS for Detroit City Council' is displayed in yellow and white. In the center, there is a photograph of Saunteel Jenkins, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a dark blazer over a white collared shirt and a pearl necklace. The background of the photo shows a city skyline at night.

SAUNTEEL JENKINS for Detroit City Council

New Leadership, New Results

Dear Supporters,

We've had a tremendous campaign week. Here's why:

We've been talking to people

We walked the Westside neighborhood of Rosedale Park, as well as the Eastside near City Airport. We spoke to young voters at Play Date Detroit. We heard senior citizens at the Wayne County Senior Picnic. We had our 70th house meeting this week. And what everyone said was they want dignity restored to City Council.

This week's campaign highlights

The campaign is picking up momentum—and more! We picked up endorsements by the Fannie Lou Hamer PAC and the 13th Congressional District. This adds to our list of labor leaders, clergy, community and business leaders that support Saunteel for Detroit City Council. Click on the [list](#) and see if you recognize or belong to any of the organizations. As our endorsement list grows, so does our campaign treasure chest. We held two successful fundraisers this week one in my old neighborhood at Starter's Lounge on Plymouth Road and one at a private residence. There is growing excitement about what Saunteel's leadership and unique experience can bring to City Council.

The problem of predatory lending

It's no secret the country is experiencing a very real, very painful foreclosure crisis. This is especially true in Detroit. Detroiters are literally being uprooted from their homes. The crisis was caused in-part by predatory lenders.

These bankers exploited people who simply wanted to live the American Dream and become homeowners. Lenders used terms such as "negative amortization," "call provisions" and "advanced periodic payments." What does that even mean?

On behalf of former City Council President Maryann Mahaffey, Saunteel led an anti-predatory lending task force in coordination with the AARP and Detroit Chapter of the NAACP. This task force demanded protection for home buyers from scrupulous bankers, prohibited excessive financing rates, and offered home loan counseling. The task force's hard work would have safe guarded home owners from corrupt loans. Unfortunately, the then-mayor vetoed the ordinance in 2002 and the predatory lending continued.

How will Saunteel fix this problem?

Saunteel will continue her fight against bad lenders if elected to Detroit City Council. She will push to have banks regulated at the local level and end the lending scams once and for all. Saunteel is committed to working with the Task Force on Predatory Lending, which includes consumer groups such as the Detroit Branch of the NAACP. Specifically, as your City Council Member Saunteel will: (1) push our State Representatives for an expansion of the CRA Modernization Act: (2) write an ordinance prohibiting all banks doing business with the

city from having predatory lending practices; (3) require strict enforcement of local ordinances; (4) target foreclosure prevention scam artist and create consumer education programs; and (5) demand stricter oversight and education for mortgage bankers.

Volunteering and upcoming events

August 4th is fast approaching. People are excited and want to help. The time to contribute is now. Saunteel has several [events](#) and [fundraisers](#) supporters can take part in. If you can't make it to a fundraiser, but would like to donate please [click here](#).

Celebrate the 4th of July holiday with the Saunteel Jenkins for Detroit City Council Campaign. We will be canvassing on Thursday, July 2nd and Friday, July 3rd from 5-8pm and Sunday, July 5th from 1:30-4:00pm. Can't make those—join us Tuesday, July 7th and Thursday, July 9th from 5-8pm, Saturday, July 11th from 10:30am-2pm or Sunday, July 12th from 1:30-4:00pm. Contact the campaign office at 313-887-7792 to see which neighborhoods we will be in.

We'd like to invite everyone to join us at the Community Coalition Candidate Endorsement Screening. This screening will take place on Thursday, July 2nd from 5 to 8pm at Plymouth United Church of Christ which is located at 600 E.. Warren Ave, Detroit MI 48201.

Friends of Saunteel Jenkins cordially invite you to a reception hosted by Robert Porcher III, Carl Bentley, Paul Huxley, Benny Napoleon and Aaron Alston. This event will take place on Thursday, July 9th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Seldom Blues which is located at 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48243. Donations are \$250 per person and \$1000 per sponsor. Call 313-887-7792 for more information.

[More Events](#)

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