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Cleveland Urban News.Com, via editor Kathy Wray Coleman, interviewed former president Barack Obama one-on-one. [CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE AT CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM, OHIO'S LEADER IN BLACK DIGITAL NEWS](#)

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CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM-CLEVELAND, OHIO- Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson (pictured), the city's three-term Black mayor who has been moot on whether he will seek an historic fourth term this year, will take questions from the Ward 1 community and others at a community meeting on Thursday, Jan 26, 2017 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Harvard Community Services Center on the city's east side at 18240 Harvard Avenue.

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Both Elaine Gohlstin, president and CEO of the Harvard Community Services Center, and Ward 1 Precinct Committeemen James Richards, also the assistant to Cleveland Ward 1 Councilman Terrell Pruitt and who will chair the meeting, confirmed the engagement that is open to the public.

"We invited the mayor to speak this evening and he accepted," said Richards.

Community activists are among those expected to attend, though Richards said that Ward 1 residents will be given priority to ask questions.

A spokesperson for the Harvard Community Services Center said the mayor, a former city council president, "will take all questions that are reasonable and within the guidelines"

To date prominent people that have taken out petitions to run for mayor this year of the largely Black major American city include Ward 1 Councilman Jeff Johnson, who is Black and says he will run regardless of whether Jackson runs.

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Other perspective well-known candidates for mayor include former East Cleveland mayor Eric Brewer, Ward 2 Councilman Zack Reed, Cleveland NAACP President Michael Newlson Sr., and state Rep. Bill Patmon, a former city councilman.

All of them are Black.

According to an article published on Jan. 16 by the Cleveland Plain Dealer Newspaper at its online news venue of Cleveland.com , the less well- known candidates for mayor that have pulled petitions from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections are as follows:

- **Brian S. Costa** - A Cleveland man by the same name lists on his Facebook page that he is an officer with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.
- **Angela Y. Davis** - A Cleveland woman by the same name lists on her Facebook page that she works for the U.S. Postal Service.
- **Barbara A. DeBerry** - A Cleveland-area woman named Barbara DeBerry lists on LinkedIn that she is founder incorporator and proposal writer for W.H. a. T International Enterprises and a former election official with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.
- **Ja'Ovvoni Garrison** - His Facebook page introduces him as a "Future Mayor for the City

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of Cleveland." Cleveland.com reported on Jan. 7, 2017 that Garrison is a former Slavic Village Development community organizer who is using his skateboarding expertise to attract grant money to provide free skateboards and lessons to low-income kids.

- **Renee Saunders** - A Cleveland-area woman by the same name is listed on LinkedIn as a student at Cleveland State University.

- **Landry M. Simmons Jr.** - A Landry M. Simmons lists himself on Facebook as a Strongsville resident and a sales consultant for Auto World USA.

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