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Inner City Coalition Survey

1. Affordable, Low Income Housing

There are many aspects to consider for providing accommodation for all citizens of Calgary. First we need to get the individuals into adequate and safe accommodations. Secondly the appropriate social agency needs to be involved to manage and co-ordinate for either short or long term stays. Processes need to be implemented to take the individuals through the process and be able to manage on their own.

Employers should be encouraged to be creative as well, and could use accommodations as an incentive to attract employees to their businesses. With the help of businesses we can come up with many creative ways to overcome homelessness.

2. The Transportation Dilemma

I would take a leadership role with respect to Calgary Transportation. The transportation model presently used has brought us great success and cost efficiency. We must now provide cross-town routes to take some of the stress off the existing routes that channel everyone through the city core. The implementations of Employment Centres would also provide a means of reducing stresses on the city core.

3. Tax Fairness

In a very robust economy where we have a lot of re-development as we have right now, the Market Value Assessment proves very unfair. To add tax fairness the taxpayer must be given one year notice of any tax increase. The rate of increase in taxes cannot exceed the cost of living.

4. Environment and Sustainability

I would implement policies that would allow a credit system to individuals who are active in protecting our environment. These credits would show up as credits on the city taxes. Incentives should be given to those that show leadership by decreasing the demand on our resources. Examples of what needs to be achieved are: using less electricity or using electricity during low demand times, putting less garbage in the landfill, recycling and installing low flow toilets. By getting people to use less, the demand on our infrastructures will decrease as well.

5. Democratic Process and Policies

The financing of elections must be totally open and transparent. If this requires the same scrutiny as provincial and federal elections then it must be done. When the system is open and transparent, voters will be more confident in the system.