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We believe that civic election campaign total expenditures should be limited to reduce the potential for abuse.

Agree.

c/ Questions for the Candidate:

Do you support limiting the total civic election expenditures by individual candidates? If so, what limits would you suggest?

Yes. Minimal dollar value per resident and it should be capped as it reflects equal opportunity for both incumbents and other candidates. Limiting size and amount of signs will not only eliminate extravagant expenses but is also environmental friendly.

What other election financing policies would you champion to provide limits, checks and balances against actual or perceived preferential treatment?

All donations and contributions including goods and services should be disclosed and be transparent. This will eliminate bribery, backdoor contract approvals, or any other favours attached to the donations.

Do you believe there should be new rules in regard to people and organizations lobbying Council members?

Oh most certainly. It promotes accountability, credibility, integrity and transparency. That's what my campaign is about.

2. Council's Leadership Role

We believe that Council should be setting the priorities and provide clearer direction to civic administration and related civic authorities and organizations.

Yes

c/ Questions for the Candidate:

How would you, as an elected alderman or mayor of Calgary manage to direct these various entities to the benefit of all the citizens and the future of Calgary?

Tax Payers should have a say in where, why, how and when their dollars should be spent. It is the responsibility of the City Council Representatives that the Calgarians have put their faith in them to deliver information on services pertinent to their constituents.

How would you assure the citizens that they are being treated fairly, efficiently, and honestly by these various organizations and their processes?

Once again accountability, responsibility, credibility, integrity and transparency come into play and the Tax Payers should be given opportunities in decision making.

3. Number of Aldermen / Wards

We believe that the number of aldermen in Calgary should increase

NO

c/ Questions for the Candidate:

Do you support increasing the number of aldermen in The City of Calgary?

NO

What number of aldermen do you think there should be in Calgary to adequately govern and represent ward residents and on what basis do you base your position?

I don't think increasing aldermen in the city is the answer. This will further burden the Tax Payers' financial burden. Reallocation of ward boundaries and equally dividing by population would be more feasible. Presently, it appears that some wards larger than others. I also strongly believe that by limiting/maximizing terms of politicians will totally avoid burn outs. Maybe increase period term to four years and limiting terms two terms.

4. City Charter

We believe that The City of Calgary should approach the Province of Alberta to explore creating a city charter for Calgary.

YES

c/ Questions for the Candidate:

Do you support exploring the concept of a city charter for Calgary?

YES

Would you please expand on the rationale for your answer to the above question?

As you mentioned City charters help make the cities that have these charters more of an equal partner with their provincial government when it comes to matters impacting those cities.

Do you believe that Calgary would be better served by having increased jurisdiction on matters facing a large city?

YES. All levels of government should work cohesively in the best interest of their citizens. After all they pay us to do their job.

5. Environment and Sustainability

YES

We believe that the City needs to continue to strive to improve its ecological record and implement additional measures and steps towards this goal.

YES

c/ Questions for the Candidate:

Do you support expanding recycling to multi-family developments?

YES

Would you support encouraging use of transit by City employees?

YES. Sets an example by role modelling.

Would you be willing to work with the private sector towards increasing use of transit by their employees?

YES

What other measures would you support towards reducing our ecological footprint?

Educating all including the ones who don't speak English. Providing green bins, blue bin and compost bins including multifamily buildings / apartments, etc. Ottawa [and I believe] already has these. Promoting use of biodegradable products. Fining businesses, corporate, companies, etc. for wasting energy, water, dumping oils or other materials in the garbage bin. The list is endless.

6. Housing

We believe that The City needs to be proactive in the implementation of these

housing plans and explore additional means to address the provision of adequate housing.

YES

c/ Questions for the Candidate

What do you believe The City could do to increase the supply of more affordable housing in Calgary?

As Community Social Worker I have been dealing with this dilemma with my clients on an on-going basis.

Mandate development permits or encourage the developers and builders of condo conversions to allocate certain percentage of units to low income families. This might be done by offering financial incentives (tax breaks).

What is your position on secondary suites?

I support it as long they meet the fire and health codes. The present argument is the parking and my stand is that parking problems are everywhere. My neighbours have 4-5 vehicles and they are parked all over

7. Transportation

We believe that land use is critical for achieving Calgary's transportation objectives.

YES

c/ Question for the Candidate:

Do you agree that land use planning is an essential tool for achieving Calgary's transportation objectives?

YES

Will you take a leadership role in implementing Plan It?

YES