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1. What are the top three issues facing your Ward?

- Growth and the loss of affordable housing
- The fact that most resident will be left out of the curbside recycling program.
- Crime

2. What are the top three issues facing the city as a whole, if different from above?

- Traffic congestion due to a lack of an effective transit system. If Calgary offered a better transit system more people would use public transit, reducing traffic congestion.
- Sprawl and out-of-control growth
- Water (mostly quantity but access and quality could become issues)

3. Urban Sprawl and Housing

- a. Do you support the concept of extending Transit-Oriented Development throughout the city, including in established neighbourhoods generally and in your ward? What is your stance on the proposed development at Dalhousie Station (in Varsity)?**

I believe we should have a density policy throughout Calgary and not just in the inner city. I also think the use of towers is not effective and

we should be looking a height restrictions or density restriction for some areas (i.e. not having four towers over 15 stories within one block but having mixed density)

I am not familiar with the proposed development at Dalhousie Station and I do not feel confident stating my stance.

- b. Are we facing a housing crisis in Calgary? If so, what should be done about it? If you are an incumbent, what have you specifically done about this?

The City of Calgary is facing a housing crisis.

To respond to this crisis the City must support the development of a variety of types of homes. This includes rental units, small homes, town homes and condos. These changes can be achieved through several means. First, by increasing the required density for new developments, second, by changing the LUB to reflect a need for more diverse housing. Third, through incentives to builders/developers to build diversely priced developments, not just high-end, luxury homes and condos. Last, council is looking at legalizing secondary suites and providing incentives to home owners to have a secondary suite and I support moving this way.

- c. Do you support legalization of secondary suites in all existing neighbourhoods, subject only to reasonable safety concerns? Why or why not?

No, I don't think we should do it in all neighbourhoods but in most neighbourhoods in Calgary. The reason is because I think we do need to preserve some of the R1 neighbourhoods to protect the heritage of Calgary.

- d. Do you believe that urban sprawl is a problem for the city? If you believe it is a problem, what will you do to address it? (If you are an incumbent, what have you already specifically done?) If you don't see it as a problem, please explain why.

Yes, urban sprawl is a problem for this city. ! I would like to see an end to land annexation and the establishment of a green belt around Calgary so we can preserve a natural area around Calgary and create a divide between Calgary and our growing neighbour cities.

4. Transportation

- a. Has the City been doing a good job of addressing transportation needs? What, if anything, would you do differently?

No. We need to invest more in transit than we invest in roads. I would like to see a minimum of 70% of the transportation budget spent on transit. I would also like to see more bike lanes and walkable communities in Calgary. Below are the specific ideas listed on my website;

1. Spend a minimum of 70% of the City's transportation budget on green transportation.
2. Speed up the westbound LRT line.
3. Implement 1, 2, 3 and 4 stop tickets for the c-train.
4. Reward citizens who choose to walk, bike, carpool or take transit to work.
5. Ensure all newly licensed taxis are hybrids and increase the amount of available taxi licenses.
6. NO IDLING!
7. Increase public transit ridership through better transit lines and increased frequency.
8. Set up better 'bike and ride' stations.
9. Improve attitudes towards telecommuting.
10. Build better parking lots at train stations.

- b. How often do you use public transit? Bus, C-train, or both?

I usually walk or bike. When I do use transit, it is the #1 to Bowness or the train downtown.

- c. Does our current transit system meet the needs of the city? If not, how specifically would you improve it?

No. See above answers

- d. Are you in favour of the current strategic plan for transit? Why or why not? If not, what changes would you make?

Yes and no. I believe some of the ideas, such as the LRT expansions are a great idea but I would like to see new communities serviced faster than the current plan as well as the development of a LRT line into the Foothills Industrial Park (perhaps connecting up 68 Ave E).

- e. The City's current plan does not envision direct C-Train service to either the airport or Mount Royal College. Would you favour amending the plan to reach these two destinations (both within close distance of planned lines)? Why or why not?

YES!!!! We need a line to the airport ASAP especially because the shuttles to the airport are no longer operating. I would like to see Mount Royal included in the plan because both of our other higher learning institutions have this service and MRC should not be left out.

- f. Are there other areas of the city that are underserved by transit? How would you address this?

Downtown doesn't have a circle route. I would like to see two new routes downtown. One running up 9 ave and back on 4 ave(or 6th) and another running up 12th Ave and back down 11 Ave.

5. Vibrant and sustainable communities

- a. What will you do to address homelessness and urban poverty in the city? (If you are an incumbent, what have you already specifically done?) If you don't see this as a problem, please explain why.

Coupled with the above ideas on affordable housing, I also believe we need to provide proper social programs to address the needs of homeless and impoverished people.

First, I would like to see more boarding houses or institutions to help people with mental illnesses. A large portion of our homeless populations is suffering from

some form of mental illness and we need to be more mindful of this and address it.

Second, I find it unacceptable that the CHC doesn't have enough homes for those in need and I would propose converting at least one golf course into an affordable housing area. (Golf courses are very expensive to run and could be put to better use).

- b. What is your stance on arts funding? Do you support the recent recommendations of the Calgary Arts Development Authority?

I would like to see more funding to the arts, especially the visual arts. I do support the recent CADA recommendations.

- c. What is your stance on the city's curbside recycling plan? Would you extend the plan to include recycling of organics and plastics? Why or why not?

The curbside recycling program is an excellent idea.

In regards to funding the program I believe Calgarians should be charged on a per bag or by weight basis. This is because a flat rate is unfair to low and fixed income earners. It is also unfair to those who produce less waste, such as a single individual, compared to those who produce a lot of waste, such as a large family.

I support a recycling program that includes all recycling materials, including paper, plastics, tin and organics.

I whole heartedly support organics in the program. They are the most harmful in the landfill and the City needs to be proactive in building a compost facility to help deal with our commercial organic waste as well.

- d. What other environmental initiatives, if any, would you favour?

My platform is based on being environmentally responsible. I have several ideas listed on my website and included in this document. A few highlights that have not been mentioned include:

- Pesticide free Calgary
- Exploring grey water use ideas
- Protecting our water sources and quantity by filtering storm water and encouraging conservation

- e. What will you do to address crime and safety issues in Calgary? (If you are an incumbent, what have you already specifically done?) If you don't see this as a problem, please explain why.

I would like to have a responsive police force that is involved in the community.

Citizens have become apathetic because their concerns or calls have not adequately been responded to. I have heard many stories in which residents have filed a complaint regarding a domestic disturbance, illegal activity on the street, or any number of other issues. They are told that the police can not do anything until someone gets hurt, or property is damaged.

I believe if the police have a stronger presence in the community and the residents felt they had a good relationship with the police, one in which they both understand and respect each other, crime would be reduced in the inner city.

I would also give more funding to the police so that their resources are not limited and they can do their job.

I would also like to see the number of phone booths reduced in my ward. They are a magnet for drug deals and sexual offences. Both of which I have observed.

6. Taxes and Revenues

- a. Does the current system of funding municipal government largely through property taxes work well? If not, what changes would you recommend?

No, the current system does not work well.

I would recommend a review of what can be used instead of property taxes. I would also recommend a review of property taxes being based on property value as property value can be ambiguous.

I would like to see taxes increased incrementally along with inflation. I do not support large tax increases every couple of years.

- b. Is there enough money in the system currently to fund your priorities? If not, how will you fund them?

Yes.

7. Political reform.

- a. Does the current system of campaign financing work well? If not, what changes would you favour?

The current system of campaign financing does not work well. We need to introduce spending caps and limit the amount of donations we can receive from corporations, businesses and unions.

For the election to be fair and more democratic the campaign needs to be affordable for all candidates.

My campaign is not accepting donations from any development companies or unions. This is because when I become alderman I want to represent my constituents, and not the interests of my large donors.

- b. In the absence of rules around disbursement of campaign surpluses, what will you do with any leftover funds?

Donate them to charity.

- c. Are there any other structural reforms you would favour?

I would like to see some sort of proportional representation for municipal government.

- 8. FOR INCUMBENTS ONLY:** What are your three major accomplishments this term? Of what are you most proud?