

# Mayor and Councillor Candidate Questionnaire

This questionnaire is prepared on behalf of 2SLGBTQ+ voters in Kelowna based on community input regarding issues that are important to them regarding the October 2022 election. All candidates for mayor and council are invited to complete the questionnaire. Results will be published on Advocacy Canada's website as well as on social media. In the spirit of transparency, results will include a mention of any candidates who do not complete the questionnaire.

The deadline for completion is September 30, 2022. Thank you in advance for your response.

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What do you believe are the most critical issues for the local 2SLGBTQ+ community? If elected, \*  
how would you work with the local community to address these issues?

Some issues facing the 2SLGBTQ+ are self confidence, discrimination and lack of services. Having access to counseling, promoting events and addressing and advocating for more services.

Homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia are still prevalent in Kelowna, resulting in significant \*  
socio-economic disparities within 2SLGBTQ+ communities. If elected, how will you combat  
homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia?

Breaking barriers through education is a great first step. I think that the community has to show that it is  
apart of the community as apposed to being a separate from it.

Have you ever participated in 2SLGBTQ+ cultural competency or equivalent training? \*

No. I do presentation for school district 23 students when they are learning about world religions. I always make it known that everyone has the same rights regardless of your sexual orientation. My store manager belonged to the 2SLGBTQ+ community. My wife and I also attend Shawn's wedding.

If elected, how would you address the ongoing issues of homelessness and mental health, especially as they disproportionately affect members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community? \*

I would always advocate to breakdown the issues piece by piece and solve it that way instead of a generic solution. Lets find out what the factors are leading to the issue and address it head on there instead of waiting until the person is in the street.

If elected, how would you address issues impacting 2SLGBTQ+ seniors, particularly with regard to affordable housing? \*

We need to do more purpose build projects to address the shortages in supply. Partnering with the province is a step in the right direction.

Do you agree with the statement that "trans rights are human rights, and must be protected as such?" \*

☒ Yes

☐ No

If elected, would you support funding for 2SLGBTQ+ community and social services? \*

☒ Yes

☐ No

