

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?

Living in a safe, sustainable and enjoyable city. I believe we are pretty much all the same in our desires and needs and that how we treat others will generally dictate how we are treated. We must lead by example, kindness and an open mind.

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? *

Well, not easy but education and patience are the key factors I believe. You can't force someone to open their minds or learn tolerance. Once again as community leaders council needs to set the bar, lead by example, take the high road. While we cannot be everything to everyone we must also not be afraid to open our hearts and show a kind and caring side.

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

Yes to some degree.

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

As a sitting Councillor for the past 8 years I have worked hard on these issues and will continue. (Check out my web site or other, my voting track record...) With respect to how I would treat 2SLGBTQ victims - not a lot different than anyone else in that unfortunate, scary position. If we want to be inclusive we can't just pick and choose when to do so. It is a social issue that needs to be healed regardless of who is involved.

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

Same answer as previous question, however even a larger concern as seniors need and deserve more support than younger victims.

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

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