

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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Your First and Last Name *

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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?

There is progress but awareness is still a challenge. Sharing the examples displayed by companies like Starbucks promoting safe work and play spaces.

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?

Awareness and knowledge are the most important factors for the general public. Connecting with groups
such as Transparent Okanagan, Two-Spirits the Foundry and Youth Etc. to understand how we combat these
fears and lack of information.

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

Yes i have, we received training during my time at Shaw Communications in our Call Center.

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

Breaking down barriers in the workplace through awareness and knowledge. Fear and lack of awareness contribute heavily to a lack of understanding for those in the SLGBTQ+ community may effect some ones ability to get the help they are asking for.

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

Unfortunately I do not have the knowledge, this would be something I would work with members of the community to understand.

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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