

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?

Inclusivity and bullying. Absolutely inclusivity and not acceptable is any type or form of bullying.

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?

There is absolutely no place for any of the above. I will work with law enforcement, the community, and the
people of Kelowna to combat this in any way we can. Everyone in this community should be fully respected.

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

No

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

This falls into public safety, that affects how we live, work and play. I will continue to lobby governments to change the laws to keep repeat offenders off our streets, work with other governments regarding mental health, work with the community and police to make all residents feel safe in their homes and businesses and ensure people of all ages and walks of life and abilities can enjoy the city lifestyle safely and affordably.

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

the city has little control over the housing market and the demand for housing in this area. We can only provide help to build more diverse types of housing for rental or purchase, including condominiums, townhomes, carriage homes, single family dwellings and suites. The more housing on the market will allow the market to change in the right direction. We should also constantly be assessing our permitting and development process and how they affect the cost of housing. We also must work with other governments to assist with housing for those experiencing homelessness in our community including safe shelters. This however, must be done in a respectful manner for both people of homelessness and the public in various neighbourhoods.

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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