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IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OR AFFILIATED WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING POLITICAL PARTIES?

None

IF YOU RESIGNED PARTY MEMBERSHIP, WHAT YEAR?

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#### I BELIEVE COUNCIL SHOULD PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY:

As their primary responsibility

#### I BELIEVE RATES SHOULD:

Council Should always be looking to reduce by being efficient

#### I BELIEVE RATE CAPPING:

Is vital and must remain unchanged

#### I BELIEVE COUNCIL:

Should focus on Local matters only and stay out of State, Federal or international issues as much as it can

#### ALL COUNCIL EXPENDITURE SHOULD BE:

Provided in a high-level summary because too much detail is wasted

#### A CANDIDATE SHOULD LIVE IN THE WARD THEY SEEK ELECTION

YES - they must live in the area they want to represent (I live in the ward I am running for)

#### AS A CANDIDATE:

I WILL NOT accept donations from Political Parties

#### AS A CANDIDATE:

I WILL NOT accept donations from Developers

#### AS A CANDIDATE:

I WILL NOT accept donations from Unions

#### COUNCILLORS ARE BETTER IF

They are not affiliated with a political party and refuse to join one whilst they are a Councillor

### COUNCIL CEO'S AND EXECUTIVES SHOULD HAVE PUBLIC KPI'S TIED TO THEIR REMUNERATION AND THEIR RESULTS SHOULD BE VISIBLE

YES - public money equals public accountability

#### I BELIEVE COUNCILLORS

Should make decisions in the best interests of their community regardless of their personal views

#### AS A CANDIDATE, I BELIEVE AUSTRALIA DAY SHOULD BE HANDLED BY COUNCIL:

by holding a day where we allow everyone to celebrate as they wish

## HAVE YOU HAD THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER/UNPAID OR COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Volunteered in local charity or community organisations; School Board or Education organisations

#### I BELIEVE THAT CLIMATE CHANGE

Is something Councils should consider in rational and practical ways without throwing money away

### WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR COMMUNITIES' TOP 5 FUNDING PRIORITIES ARE FROM COUNCIL FUNDS?

Rubbish Collection/Waste Disposal; Roads, Footpaths, Drains (New and maintenance); Aged Care/Youth/Maternal Health services; Community Safety; Green Open Space (increasing)

#### MY CAMPAIGN IS FUNDED BY:

Me and Family/Friends

IF ELECTED, I WILL FOCUS ON LOCAL ISSUES AND AVOID FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE?

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT ANNUAL CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS ARE CONSIDERED, AND THE ANNUAL PLAN IS DEVISED TO ADDRESS PERFORMANCE GAPS

YES

IF ELECTED, I PLEDGE TO ADVOCATE THAT THE COUNCIL 4 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN INCORPORATES SERVICE DELIVERY STANDARDS.

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT ALL OVERSEAS/INTERSTATE TRAVEL MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL IN A PUBLIC MEETING

YES - the public should see it

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT COUNCIL PUBLISHES ALL COUNCILLOR AND STAFF EXPENDITURE ON THE COUNCILS WEBSITE EVERY QUARTER

YES

#### IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE TO

Leave staffing and organisational resources SOLELY to the CEO

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE THAT COUNCIL IMPLEMENTS A COUNCILLOR VOTING REGISTER ON COUNCILS WEBSITE (TO SHOW HOW EVERY COUNCILLOR VOTED ON EACH ITEM IN THE MINUTES OF EACH MEETING)

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ALWAYS REMAIN PROFESSIONAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, AND IN ALL DEALINGS IN THE COUNCIL. I WILL ALWAYS TREAT THE COMMUNITY WITH DIGNITY, COURTESY AND RESPECT.

YFS

IF ELECTED, I WILL ENSURE I RESPOND TO COMMUNICATION FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS (UNLESS THE SENDER IS DEFAMATORY OR ABUSIVE)

YES

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR A COUNCIL TRANSPARENCY HUB WHERE ALL INFORMATION IS DISPLAYED OPENLY ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

YFS

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR COUNCILLOR BRIEFING MEETINGS (WHICH ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC & BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND STAFF) SHOULD BE:

have transcripts made public (except confidential items)

IF ELECTED, I WILL ADVOCATE FOR A BACK-TO-BASICS ACTION PLAN AS PART OF THE COUNCIL 4 YEAR PLAN TO MEASURE SERVICE DELIVERY OUTCOMES ON CORE COUNCIL SERVICES

YES

#### WHAT IS YOUR PITCH TO VOTERS? WHY SHOULD THEY VOTE FOR YOU?

Voters should vote for me because I am a passionate, independent voice who puts the needs of our community first. With over 25 years of living and working in St Kilda, I have a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities we face. I have consistently demonstrated my commitment to improving safety, supporting local businesses and enhancing our parks, gardens and public spaces. I believe in practical, people-first solutions. My dedication to transparency, integrity, honesty and inclusivity means I will always listen to and advocate for what's best for the St Kilda residents.

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