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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:

Disclosed as required by legislation

A CANDIDATE SHOULD LIVE IN THE WARD THEY SEEK ELECTION

I do not mind either way

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 Celebrating with all things "Australian"

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; Sat on a board of a not for profit organisation; School Board or Education organisations; Local Sporting Clubs; Ratepayers or Residents Groups

I BELIEVE THAT CLIMATE CHANGE

Does not generally belong in Local Councils (it is mostly a State/Federal issue); 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); Value for Money in service delivery; Supporting Local Businesses; Green Open Space (increasing)

MY CAMPAIGN IS FUNDED BY:

Me alone

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.

YES

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

YES

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

UNSURE

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

I have been a resident of Maroondah for my entire adult life. I was elected to Council in 2023 and have worked hard to learn what is required of a Councillor. I am passionate about local matters and have the drive and energy to represent Barneong and the whole community.

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