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Q1

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Q3

Ward

Ward 12 - Rideau-Vanier

Q4

To reach our collective potential, we must work together to build up Ottawa. That requires a council in which each member commits to city wide leadership. What is your intended approach to collaboration with council, city staff and economic partners?

I worked at Elections Canada for many years, helping to organize elections all over the country, and participated in many election observation missions around the globe. I currently teach a course on Municipal Governance at the University of Ottawa. My experience working to help improve our democracy has taught me that democracy cannot exist without good governance, effective consultation and collaboration, and above all, transparency. Therefore, my commitment to Ottawans is to consult my constituents frequently, listen and learn about their concerns, vote on council for their best interests, be transparent and post why I voted a certain way, and accept feedback and criticism for my actions so that I am held accountable. Additionally, the concerns of Ward 12 residents are not experienced within a vacuum. I will reach out to my fellow council members to understand their ward's concerns and see if there are synergies that we can leverage to be a greater voice for action and change for all Ottawans. I have started hosting Instagram Lives with candidates running in other wards so that common concerns can be identified and acted upon. Finally, to be an effective Councillor you need to be able to work with all people, whether they agree or disagree with you. Cultivating a collaborative and collegial relationship with city officials and economic partners throughout the city is vital for city-wide leadership. I will meet and work with anyone who have ideas and solutions that can make our city better for all residents.

Q5

What key characteristics and skills do you possess that make you a great leader and ambassador for the city of Ottawa, and the national capital region?

I have lived almost twenty years in Rideau-Vanier, which gives me a good understanding of the issues residents face every day. My professional and volunteer work to improve our democracy has taught me the value of good governance and transparency, and the roles and responsibilities of each level of government, allowing me to understand that municipalities often have policy options that are overlooked.

Q6

What are your top three priorities for Ottawa's future?

If elected I will:

(1) address the shortage of family doctors in our ward and city by working to establish a doctor recruitment program Many municipalities have put efforts into recruiting family physicians and those efforts have paid off. I want the City to consult with physicians to see how we can make Ottawa an attractive place for family physicians to work and stay;

(2) work for housing options and safety for all: Rideau-Vanier is special because we have a diversity of residents but it has become unaffordable. We need to ensure the longevity and vitality of our public housing options and ensure that those who want to live here can afford to do so. Residents have told me over and over that they want safe streets, access to public toilets, water fountains, more public art and less garbage. Our most historic neighborhood deserves nothing less; and

Byward Market Public Realm Plan: I support promoting and protecting Ottawa's history and small businesses to ensure our biggest tourist designation has a dynamic mix of restaurants, thriving markets, and unique retail.

Byward Market Realm Plan

<https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-engagement/projects/byward-market-public-realm-plan>

Q7

Yes, I would like to attend.

Are you able to attend the All Candidates Meet & Greet at the Shaw Centre on September 23, 2022 - 7:30 to 9:30 am. We are extending a complimentary ticket for you. Additional tickets can be purchased at ottawabot.ca.
