

Subject: Re: Fwd: Inner City Coalition Online Forum
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In regards to your questions, please find my answers as follows:

1. Perceptions of Influence

a) Do you support limiting the total civic election expenditures by individual candidates? If so, what limits would you suggest?

I agree with you. This being my first time out on the campaign trail, makes it difficult for me to make a reasonable suggestion. I personally feel that it is what I stands for that is important, not how much or how little is spent, making my platform understood to the citizens of this city.

b) What other election financing policies would you champion to provide limits, checks and balances against actual or perceived preferential treatment?

I prefer to think that anyone in the mayor/aldermanic positions would be honest enough not to allow bribery or favoritism to cloud their judgment.

c) Do you believe there should be new rules in regard to people and organizations lobbying Council members?

I think that the council elect should be allow to make the decision as the representatives they are elected to stand as and deal with these organizations as discreetly as possible.

2. Council's Leadership Role

a) How would you, as an elected alderman or mayor of Calgary manage to direct these various entities to the benefit of all the citizens and the future of Calgary?

I believe that these Authorities and Boards are allocated to whom ever Council member is most informed and interested in acting as head of, whichever, of the various Authorities or Boards under City Council's supervision. The alderman, in turn brings to the Council meetings the concerns of those with issues and Council will deal with it in a manner as we the representatives of the citizens of Calgary feel is in the best interest of all those that live in the City of Calgary and area.

b) How would you assure the citizens that they are being treated fairly, efficiently, and honestly by these various organizations and their processes?

I would inform them by newsletters or media, and ask for feedback about any concerns they may have with the decisions.

3. Number of Aldermen/Wards

a) Do you support increasing the number of aldermen in The City of Calgary?

Yes

b) What number of aldermen do you think there should be in Calgary to adequately govern and represent ward residents and on what basis do you base your position?

If per ratio numbers used from the past are an indication of additional members needed at this point in time, then I would say that two more alderman would probably make up for the need, to take care of the work that has accumulated because of population growth.

I bases my assessment on these figures as follows: for the number of people in this city in 1950 of 120,000 people there were 12 alderman, each alderman represented approx. 10,000 people, and in 1976 they added 2 more alderman to represent approx. 66% population growth or 34,000 per alderman of the total population of 470,000. In 2009, each of 14 alderman, represented approx. 76,000 people, out of 1,000,000 an increase of approx. 2.13 times the number of people in 1976. There is 26 years between 1950 and 1976 when they added 2 more alderman and now it has been 33 years since their last addition to the council and the population has increased 53% since, we "probably could use 2 more members" at least.

4. City Charters

a) Do you support exploring the concept of a city charter for Calgary?

Yes

b) Would you please expand on the rationale for your answer to the above question?

I believe that a city charter for Calgary would be an advantage for our community. It would give us the freedom to make petitions to the provincial and federal government for funding without having to going through the bureaucracy of red tape that is presently the norm. We already understand that almost 30% of the population of Alberta, resides in this city and that we could work out our own needs from the monies received by the province of that percentage less overhead cost to the province, to cover our needs in this city.

c) Do you believe that Calgary would be better served by having increased jurisdiction on matters facing a large city?

Yes.

5. Environment and Sustainability

a) Do you support expanding recycling to multi-family developments?

Yes, I feel that there are many people in high-rise and/or two-storey condos and apartments that do not have the facilities to take recycle goods to the designated areas in this city, ah dump items in the back alley for others to pick

up (one man's junk is another man treasure attitude). I feel that a recycling system of dumpsters like the ones provide for garbage should be put out 'back to back' to put these items in. It would keep the area clear of items being broken and people could still see what is there and decided for themselves whether they can use it or let it go with the pick-up.

b) Would you support encouraging use of transit by City employees?

Yes

c) Would you be willing to work with the private sector towards increasing use of transit by their employees?

Yes

d) What other measures would you support towards reducing our ecological footprint?

Make 2 or 3 lane roads/highways with 1-lane for a bicycle path, the other/s for motor vehicles, like they have in Copenhagen.

6. Housing

a) What do you believe The City could do to increase the supply of more affordable housing in Calgary?

I believe that we need to re-think our principles and moral obligations of those in the lower-income wage bracket. These are the people that build this city into what it is today, and they should be allow to have housing that they can afford to pay for and feel safely assured that they would not have their mortgage interest rates hiked up so high, that they are pushed into selling or foreclosing.

b) What is your position of secondary suites?

I believe that those that want to put in secondary suites, if the geophysical area is able to handle such, should have no problem putting one in their home.

7. Transportation

a) Do you agree that land use planning is an essential tool for achieving Calgary's transportation objectives?

Yes

b) Will you take a leadership role in implementing Plan It?

I would most definitely be interested in role.

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