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Re: Michael Krisko Response Candidate Ward 7 Questionnaire

1. We believe that civic election campaign total expenditures should be limited to reduce the potential for abuse. Answer: YES

Q & A:

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

- \$12,000-25,000.

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

- total disclosure of the source of any contributions and contributors, including 'in kind'.
- creation of an election pot divided amongst registered candidates, derived from the unused portion of funds from previous contributors in past elections. This is used in some municipalities, and provides some funds to candidates who can ill afford campaigns and advertising.

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

- publicly funded organizations should not be allowed to contribute to candidate campaigns; contributors should be limited to individuals, not businesses nor organizations; the provinces and federal governments should allow and increase the credit where necessary.

2. We believe that Council should be setting the priorities and provide clearer direction to civic administration and related civic authorities and organizations. Answer: YES

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?

- As the city is a creature of the province, so to are police, fire, utilities ...etc. to the city. More direct control over operations and administrative policy through Council if necessary, rather than just through the budget.

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

- The appointment of a permanent municipal auditor reporting to Council, and an Ombudsman, again who can report directly to Council if they so wish.

3. We believe that the number of aldermen in Calgary should increase. Answer: YES

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

- Yes, but if and only if the salary and expense for the additional aldermen were drawn from the existing funding for such purposes.

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

- We need 2 more aldermen at large. 1 for the north, 1 for the south to alleviate the workload of existing alderman. Perhaps these at-large aldermen's duties could be dedicated to existing and acquiring new businesses. Such, would address representation for the business who are separately taxed but currently lacking representation. ("no taxation without representation").

4. We believe that The City of Calgary should approach the Province of Alberta to explore creating a city charter for Calgary. Answer: YES

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

- Yes. Interesting question. Is it the recognition and emergence of the city state concept?

Would you please expand on the rationale for you(r) answer to the above question?

- Such Charters typically merely recognize the existence of a city within a province. Such a Charter should include a city's responsibility over matters which these cities have absorbed through common practice, such as urban planning and transit. Realistically, provinces do not give up any of their powers easily.

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

- Yes, the problems of density, land use, transportation posed by large cities are greater and more costly than

smaller towns.

5. *We believe that the City needs to continue to strive to improve its ecological record and implement additional measures and steps towards this goal. Answer: YES*

Do you support expanding recycling to multi-family developments?

- yes, in fact many apt/condo residents find ways to recycle on their own and would welcome pickup.

Would you support encouraging use of transit by City employees?

- yes, but in a public education way, not through a subsidy

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

- yes, definitely, but again, in a public education way, not through subsidy.

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

- A stronger means of reliance on buses and LRT which would include: incremental fare (station to station: e.g. 0.50cents to a max of \$2.50) system and lower parking rates available to anyone using the transit system.

6. *We believe that The City needs to be proactive in the implementation of these housing plans and explore additional means to address the provision of adequate housing. Answer: YES*

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

- The need for affordable housing will grow with an aging population. The quality of a resident's life must also be preserved. We must rethink inner city density positions to include cheaper land on the outskirts of Calgary, thereafter, with the help of the province and federal governments, to build suitable accommodations for needful residents.

What is your position on secondary suites?

7. *We believe that land use is critical for achieving Calgary's transportation objectives. Answer: YES*

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

- Must not put the cart before the horse. Transportation should not drive land use, rather, transportation must follow urban development.

Will you take a leadership role in implementing Plan It?

- Yes, I'm interested in urban development and achieving resultant transportation efficiency in a cost-effective way.