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## Q1

Municipal Candidate

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## Q3

Ward

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**Mayoral Candidate**

#### 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?

We all love this city - that's why I'm running for Mayor, and it's why residents and business leaders volunteer their time in organizations like the Board of Trade.

I'm excited about Ottawa's potential. When I'm knocking on doors, be it in Stittsville or Sandy Hill, people are telling me that they are excited too.

But it is all of our potential. The Mayor's job is to have a vision for the city as a whole and work with council to advance that vision by listening to the unique needs and concerns of councillors and residents from each of the city's wards. It is also the Mayor's job to engage with community leaders from across the city to make sure that we are all working together to make Ottawa the city we deserve.

To be successful at this, we need to make sure that City Hall works for the people of Ottawa. As Mayor, I will restore trust, transparency and accountability between City Hall and the residents of Ottawa. Ottawans don't feel they have much agency in City Hall's decisions.

My plan to build a City Hall we can trust includes allowing meaningful public participation in City decisions and budgeting; using fiscal anchors to protect Ottawa City finances; and balancing representation (in terms of geography and gender) on council committees and boards to build decision-making bodies that are representative of all of Ottawa. I also pledge not to use the province's new strong mayor powers.

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#### 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?

First and foremost, I have a running start to move forward as Mayor on day one. I've been a city councillor since 2014, and previously worked within the City administration. I understand how City Hall works.

I've been a leader on Council fighting on the issues that matter for people. I introduced a motion to launch a judicial inquiry on Ottawa's LRT to get answers for residents on how we ended up with a system as flawed as we have. Though the final report is still forthcoming, the provincial inquiry hearings showed how important it was to have a full investigation into this mess.

During the convoy occupation, I refused to accept ongoing inaction from Ottawa police to ensure the safety of residents, calling for expanded support from the federal government to end the occupation. Each day, I was on site.

In 2020, I worked with my colleagues on city Council to declare a housing emergency in Ottawa, recognizing the affordability crisis that has plagued our city for years. I'm excited that, as Mayor, I will be able to implement real measures that will address this, including ending chronic homelessness and dramatically expanding access to truly affordable housing.

Finally, as mayor, I will be Ottawa's champion. I know how to partner with provincial and federal governments to access the investments our city needs. I will secure Ottawa's fair share of federal and provincial funding programs to make sure that we can build the city we deserve.

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**Q6**

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

I want to make Ottawa the greenest, the healthiest and the best connected city in Canada. Housing affordability, reliable and affordable transportation and bold climate action will be my top three priorities as Mayor.

I want to make Ottawa the healthiest city it can be, where everyone has a home. I will work everyday to end the housing crisis. I will make Ottawa the best connected city by improving reliability, affordability, low-emissions and accessible transit. I will make Ottawa the greenest city in Canada and I want to work hard to restore trust, transparency and accountability between City Hall and Ottawa's residents. Finally, I have a plan to grow our vibrant neighbourhoods and ensure small businesses can thrive.

Learn more about my priorities: <https://www.mckenney2022.ca/priorities>.

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**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](http://ottawabot.ca).

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