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Q1

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Q2

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Q3

Ward

Ward 9 - Knoxdale-Merivale

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?

Over the course of the pandemic, I demonstrated an ability to have a non-partisan leadership role for small businesses in our city. I met with over 60 elected officials across all party lines Federally, Provincially and at the Municipal level. I was able to do this by unifying small business leaders towards a common goal. Many feel that Ottawa City Council has been very divided over the past three years. All elected officials must commit to working together not only for the benefit of the Ward they are running in but for the city as a whole. All elected officials must work with all city staff and economic partners. If we are to succeed, we must all remember that kindness matters.

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?

The key characteristics and skills that make me a great leader and ambassador for the city of Ottawa, and the national capital region are as follows. I am always accessible and respond to all requests. I am completely non-partisan. While municipal politics are supposed to be just that, it is important that remains when people are elected. I am incredibly well connected to all parties both Federally and Provincially when additional resources are needed by my constituents. My platform is Priorities over Politics (POP). I am here to help solve the problems the city of Ottawa is currently experiencing. I have demonstrated over the past two and half years that everyone's concerns matter and I can have them heard and rectified. Empathy, compassion and an unwavering willingness to help others are at my core.

During the pandemic, I partnered with Ottawa Public Health to set up pop-up vaccination sites. I partnered with Lyft ride-sharing services to ensure that everyone could get to the vaccination clinics at no cost should they not be able to afford a way there. In 2019, the City of Ottawa awarded me a Healthy Community Champions Award for helping set up a "Party Safe" campaign and hosting evenings demonstrating how to use Naloxone in an overdose situation. The community has always come first for me and I will always continue to do it that way.

Q6

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

We need to review the transit situation in Ottawa. Not just public transit but accessible transit as well too. Our population is aging and as time continues to move forward, more and more of our residents will need a reliable, fully accessible transit solution. This of course also falls under other pieces of city infrastructure that need to be reviewed.

Affordable housing and leadership to assist those that are facing a homelessness crisis are key as well. We need to focus on helping those with mental health and substance use health as well.

We also need to work as a municipality with the Provincial and Federal governments on climate change. All three levels of government will have to play a role in combatting climate change or we will continue to see damaging weather and storms tear through our communities.

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.
