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The London Chapter of the Council of Canadians extends its sincere thanks to all candidates who took the time to complete our 2026 Municipal Candidates Survey. We recognize that election campaigns place significant demands on candidates' time, and we appreciate the thought and effort that many candidates devoted to their responses.

Direct communication between candidates and voters is an important part of a healthy democracy. Candidate surveys provide an opportunity for people to learn not only where candidates stand on particular issues, but also how they understand the challenges facing the community and the approaches they would bring to municipal decision-making. By making candidates' responses publicly available, we hope to contribute to an informed and substantive public conversation during the election.

The survey addressed a broad range of issues affecting London and its residents. These included housing and homelessness; land use and planning; climate action and environmental protection; public transit and transportation; public ownership of water and wastewater services; community safety and policing; public health and the opioid crisis; parks, recreation and culture; municipal finances and property taxes; economic development; equity, inclusion and reconciliation; and democratic governance.

Candidates were also asked about several specific and emerging issues, including AI data centres, provincial legislation affecting municipal and Indigenous interests, the use of Strong Mayor powers, protection of affordable rental housing, vacant commercial properties, and the role of municipal government in responding to hate and far-right activity.

These questions reflect many of the issues on which the Council of Canadians and its London Chapter have been engaged. Our work emphasizes strong democratic institutions, protection of public services and the public interest, environmental responsibility, social and economic justice, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and meaningful public participation in decisions that affect our communities.

We hope this report will help Londoners compare candidates' responses, consider the different perspectives being offered, and make their own informed decisions in the 2026 municipal election.

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Bronagh Joyce Morgan

Mayoral Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Somewhat Important
Community safety (policing)	Somewhat Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Somewhat Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

Democratic governance is #1. No long-term solutions to any long-term problems happen until we tackle the way we run our systems. We need to look at the way we do politics and the way we run City Hall critically and transparently. There are efficiencies to be realized. There is waste to be trimmed. There are policies that no longer work for the purpose they were written and there are contracts that aren't well-written to ensure that what we're paying for is being accomplished. That work being done clears a path to address the most pressing issues (right now, lots of people are concerned with the rise in homelessness and the cost of living, particularly housing) as well as those other important things that make a livable City that consistently get ignored or sidelined while we deal with the latest crisis.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes. I guess one caveat is that just as there's waste in City Hall, there's going to be some in Public Works. We'll take a good, hard, honest look at all of it.

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. We can slow down our approach and think about what's in the long-term best interests of our community. It's not no forever, but it's no for now.

As mayor, will you be willing to use your Strong Mayor powers to overrule a majority of council? If so, what specific issues would justify this use of the Strong Mayor power?

No. As I mentioned to the Chamber in their survey, a mayor or any politician does not need to strong arm colleagues when they bring forth logical, transparent ideas that work to the benefit of their City and its residents, long-term. Anyone who would fight such decisions is doing so out of their own self-interest to score political points. There is a better way to do politics. We just have to believe it's possible and demand it from our public servants.

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

Bill 5 significantly limits opportunities for First Nations consultation and consent. The legislation allows the Ontario government to bypass critical processes that safeguard species at risk, cultural heritage, and treaty rights particularly in regions like the Ring of Fire. It concentrates decision-making power in the hands of ministers and the Lieutenant Governor without mandating First Nations involvement, threatening sovereignty, land stewardship, and ongoing reconciliation efforts.

Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

All the other things I mentioned (system review and overhaul). That frees up resources to go directly to people working on the front line of this crisis... build their capacity to save and rebuild lives. That is the logical and moral thing to do which, back to the last answer, is what we should always expect from leaders and people trusted to steward our municipal resources.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

No

Why or why not?

I said no because it's not a high priority, but I think this is an unfair question. The right answer is maybe. Not low at all costs, but definitely people need a break and streamlining City Hall should make that possible.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. That's more like it. What I just said, plus... if we can afford to own homes, we are doing better than a lot of our neighbours. Keeping taxes reasonable is more in line with what I think. Potentially making them more fair. Looking at the property tax rate in the same way we look at other sources of government revenue: is this the most fair way to generate income, in 2026? When is the last time we've taken a system-wide look at how they're calculated, how they're spent?

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

No

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

No

The rise of the far right, both internationally and, particularly, in Southwestern Ontario, is a concern for many voters. In 2017, in response to a planned rally by groups promoting racist and hateful views, London City Council passed an emergency motion condemning all forms of racism, bigotry, and hate and prohibiting hate groups from holding rallies on city-owned property. In November 2025, a far-right group hung a banner from the Wortley Road overpass with the message "Remigration Now."

What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

Emergency motions like declarations are meaningless without resources and actionable steps. Bigotry stinks. Racism is disgusting. Guess what? That's in our public systems, too. That's not an accusation. That's clear-eyed honesty from someone who worked 17 years as casual City staff. Let's clean our own house first, and stop pretending that a declaration solves a problem. Let's commit to leadership by example and consistent improvement. Self-awareness is key. Humility would go a long way, too.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

Commit to affordable housing, not to housing, generally. Property tax revenue, which we covered in an earlier question, has no business going toward subsidizing new luxury units. We can't be dazzled by general numbers about housing starts when the average salary for a family in London would not come close to the amount needed to rent or buy one of these places.

The City of London employs Property Standards Officers to inspect rental properties, document conditions, and enforce municipal property standards by-laws. Would you support expanding their role to document evidence of suspected bad-faith evictions or landlord fraud, preserve that evidence, and refer well-documented cases to London Police or the appropriate provincial authorities for investigation?

Yes

The City of London, London Fire Department, and London Police Service are working together to build a new Emergency Services Campus. The campus will support the operational and training needs of first responders, improve regional emergency preparedness and create new spaces for public safety education. A portion of this quarter billion-dollar budget (\$200-\$270M) will be directed to scenario simulation and indoor and outdoor firing ranges, measures that support more militarized and aggressive policing infrastructure.

Will you commit to demanding transparency about the portion of this Emergency Services Campus budget devoted to policing, as opposed to fire, dispatch, EMS, HAZMAT response?

Yes

Will you commit to reducing the budget for the Emergency Services Campus by the amount that would be used for policing?

Yes

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

We already have the regulatory muscle to enforce property standards. As for the risk of pushback or litigation... we have a very well resourced legal department at the City, plus after November we'll have me, a lawyer with 26 years of call. Let's just use the tools at our disposal and get this done. It is long past due to put people inside the empty spaces. It's inhumane that buildings sit vacant while people freeze to death every year on our streets.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

I appreciate that this survey raised a lot of issues that are being ignored this election year. It's unfortunate that only a few hot button issues get attention during campaigns, and I honestly think that leads us as a society to sometimes vote against our own best interests, long-term. Thanks for your work in highlighting these issues. There are a few questions here that I think deserve more nuanced answers than this form provides the ability to give. Again, we do not serve the public interest by reinforcing the unfortunate reality that is sound bite politics. I would encourage the Council to consider creating a survey that does not limit answers to Yes and No in some places.

Lawrence-Zachary Howe

Mayoral Candidate

Campaign priorities

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Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
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Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Somewhat Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Somewhat Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My first priority is bureaucratic transparency to restore effective oversight by firing bureaucrats for hiding information, Second is the formation of the municipal construction company to align development with city priorities. Third I would pursue my Trimodal Port to create an alternative revenue stream to property tax and anchor businesses to London. After that I will pursue the rest of my major and minor positions.

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Yes

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No

If yes, what conditions would you impose? If no, why not.

I'm not against a data center ideologically, but without the investors figuring out a way to integrate one into the community that is additive instead of subtractive I wouldn't support it.

As mayor, will you be willing to use your Strong Mayor powers to overrule a majority of council? If so, what specific issues would justify this use of the Strong Mayor power?

I will use strong mayor powers whenever I believe it will be to the best interest of the people of this city, to reverse it's decline, such as the 29.6% downtown office vacancy (CBRE Canada, 2026), 25% for the whole city (CBRE Canada, 2026), 31.3% with food insecurity (Statistics Canada, 2026), and 8.5% unemployment (Statistics Canada, 2026). I would not use it out of spite or for preference, but I won't allow special interests to steer the ship anymore if I am elected.

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

London has attracted the vulnerable people of the region because other municipalities refuse to offer the services that London does beyond the required shelters and food banks. London isn't a provincial organization so is unequipped to handle that influx. If elected, I'll demand other municipalities offering similar safety nets so their vulnerable people don't have to migrate to London, that the province starts paying us for those services to stop extra services except food banks and shelters.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. The reason you don't lower taxes is because when you have massive debt and a population who can't feed itself you need the resources you have to fix those issues. The reason you don't raise taxes is because you stepped up and said you could do the job, knowing the constraints, so you don't get to then say, "I can't do it cause I need more money." So regardless raising taxes above inflation would not be an option. When alternative revenue starts coming, I would lower tax raise below inflation

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. Alternative revenue streams (reduce tax burden on citizens) and infrastructure (improved quality of life). I'm not gonna rule out there's something else but right now I can't think of anything.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

Yes

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

No

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

None, racists can be left or right. My concern is entirely municipal prosperity. I won't concern myself with ideologies. I'm used to and comfortable with other people holding different views. I am black, white, native, and Jewish, I know racism/bigotry are a problem, I've had white acquaintances say the n-word around me only to walk it back like it's not that big a deal - I'm not gonna be an advocate mayor though. I don't believe in zero sum games, I'm running to make everyone's lives better.

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As long as land speculation is legal investors will buy new properties, control the supply, controlling the price.

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Yes

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No

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I'm disturbed by the situation, and if elected it'll be something I look at closely.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

I have a 27 position blueprint for the city, 10 major positions that will reverse the decline, and 17 minor ones that will be high impact quality of life features. If my answers intrigued you please look through my site at lawrencezachary.ca

Roger Caranci

Ward 1 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Somewhat Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Somewhat Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Somewhat Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Somewhat Important
Democratic governance	Somewhat Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

Safe neighbourhoods come first. Families, shops, and parks only work if the law is enforced. I support police and by-law, recovery instead of open drug use, and no illegal drugs in taxpayer-funded shelters. What you permit, you promote. Housing is the other half of that file. I lead Residenza Affordable Housing, more than 300 homes for seniors, veterans, and low-income families. Build homes that fit the neighbourhood. Keep occupancy honest. Do not pack houses beyond what they can take. Taxes pay for water, roads, snow, and garbage. I led the HELP Clean Water Initiative and I want those services to stay public and reliable. Accountability and transparency for citizens. A well-run city does the basic things on time.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes. London should own and operate its water and wastewater. I led the HELP Clean Water Initiative and sat on the Lake Huron and Elgin water boards. Clean, reliable water is a basic city job, not a file to sell off. I will defend public ownership and municipal control. A bottle policy at city halls and city events is a purchasing rule. It is not the same as keeping the plants, pipes, and rates under Council.

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No response

If yes, what conditions would you impose?

No response

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Do you support Bill 5?

No response

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

No response

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

Treat addiction as a health crisis and open drug use as a law-and-order problem. Both are true.

Connect people to treatment and recovery immediately. Measure programs by sobriety, housing, and safety, not by money spent. Keep illegal drugs out of taxpayer-funded shelters. Enforce the law on the street. What you permit, you promote. Do not pile high-impact services onto Dundas or other commercial strips. Work with police, public health, and the Province on treatment beds and aftercare.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

No response

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Yes

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No response

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

Build homes in which people can live, in safe neighbourhoods.. Use public land and faster approvals for real affordable projects, especially senior-specific builds so people can stay near family. I lead Residenza Affordable Housing: more than 300 homes for seniors, veterans, and low-income families, volunteer-run, including barrier-free units. Set occupancy rules so houses are not packed beyond parking, sewers, and safety. Keep affordable units affordable.

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Yes

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The problem is often vision and City Hall, not a missing tax. Get approvals moving so a buyer can make a building useful. I was part of bringing the London Roundhouse on Horton Street back as a heritage landmark after years empty. Residenza is in Vision SoHo on the old hospital lands. The Bud Gowan building is finally becoming offices. 181 King Street is the opposite: process keeping a site vacant. Sell a use people will fund. Do not tax a heritage building into demolition.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

No

Additional comments

London works when City Hall does the basic job: safe streets, clean parks, public water, and housing that fits the neighbourhood. I led the HELP Clean Water Initiative and I will keep water and wastewater under Council. I lead Residenza Affordable Housing, more than 300 homes for seniors, veterans, and low-income families, volunteer-run. I support police and by-law, recovery instead of open drug use, and no illegal drugs in taxpayer-funded shelters. Contracts paid with taxes should be signed with the group doing the work, with numbers councillors can access. Measure social programs by results. People who get up, go to work, and follow the rules deserve a city that does the same.

Shawn Lewis

Ward 2 Candidate

Campaign priorities

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Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Not Important
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Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

I think it is important to first emphasize that public health and climate action are primarily the role of the provincial and federal governments as is reconciliation. While there are roles municipalities can play, they are relatively small in scope.

Property taxes are the least fair form of taxation, they do not take into account anyone's ability to pay. Therefore a stable property tax level is critical to allowing people to MAINTAIN their current housing.

Housing is the primary role a municipality can play in addressing homelessness, which is rampant across all of Ontario. But we must balance that with community safety. To expect residents to be compassionate with the homeless while not respecting they have a right to feel safe in their own neighbourhood is a short sighted, and doomed to fail approach. Affordability, Housing, and Safety have to be addressed in a balanced manner.

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

No response

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The city cannot be responsible for healthcare service delivery on the property tax base, and this is a clear healthcare matter. The city must continue to advocate for more provincial mental health and addiction treatment beds. It is also a policing issue in that we need to increase efforts to stop the production and trafficking of drugs as much as possible, which is why investing in policing matters.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes

Why or why not?

Absolutely! If we believe we should be concerned about people being able to maintain their housing, we MUST limit property tax increases. Property taxes are not based on income or ability to pay, and play a significant role in housing affordability.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

No one can responsibly promise to reduce taxes, the only way to do that is to cut more services than the rate of inflation is going to push taxes up. Cities are not immune to inflationary pressures, we have union contracts, material costs, etc, so property taxes are always going to go up. My position is to not be looking to expand into new initiatives or programs, that we should be focused on the basics and working to stabilize property taxes to under 4%.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

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No

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

Respectfully, left or right, the city must be very careful about stepping into restrictions of freedom of expression. The city continues to support activities like Pride, and Newcomers Day, etc. My position is that council, and Londoners at large should be focused on positive messaging.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

The redevelopment of Village Soho on the South St. Hospital lands, 700 units of housing 380 affordable with 6 non-profit partners. The first new public housing building in 50yrs (pre-Ontario downloading) with the second opening next year and funding in place for the third to start in 2028. And so much more, council is already acting on this, but housing isn't built overnight. Council should stay the course, not throw out the plan and start over.

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Will you commit to demanding transparency about the portion of this Emergency Services Campus budget devoted to policing, as opposed to fire, dispatch, EMS, HAZMAT response?

No

Will you commit to reducing the budget for the Emergency Services Campus by the amount that would be used for policing?

No

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

These are private lands, no council can force them to be sold or redeveloped for "public interest". That said, there are a few strategic properties that could be acquired by the city for specific uses that align with priority items in the Downtown and Economic Development Master Plan documents. One such example is Market Tower which may offer a unique opportunity for activation spaces for events on Dundas Place and co-locations for Film and Music office needs.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

No

Additional comments

London has not has consistent leadership since the mid 2000s. The current council has been the closest thing to that, building on many of the pieces that were started under Mayor Holder. It's important to remember that we are still recovering from and adapting to the post COVID realities and the challenges around housing and jobs that arose during those items as well as a cultural shift away from storefront to online retail, adoption of AI in many workplaces, etc. Now is the time for steady, practical leadership at City Hall, that doesn't see council pretend they are MPPs or MPs, and that focuses on the services and role municipalities are directly responsible for.

Zack Ramsey

Ward 2 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Somewhat Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Somewhat Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

Affordability is my top priority as it impacts every other crisis we face such as homelessness, housing costs, rent costs, etc. If folks cannot afford to get by then it impacts every other aspect of their lives. I have talked to countless elderly folks who are forced to choose between medication and food just to afford housing which is deplorable.

My next priority is homelessness as I believe homelessness is not a personal issue but instead is a policy issue. It is a failing of our society to allow people to become homeless even if they made poor life choices.

Accessibility is my final top priority. This city should be accessible to everyone no matter their age or disability. I spent so much of my life around folks who were disabled. I have a sibling who has a below the knee amputation. I've volunteered for Special Olympics Tee-ball & Bowling. I've been a tenant union organizer for 3 years and spoken to countless people who are locked into their homes due to inaccessibility.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. I would not vote in favour of an AI Data Center in London. I have done a lot of reading about data centers across the continent and I have only found negatives for the local communities. AI Data Centers have caused higher energy prices, water pollution, and noise pollution.

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

I want to work closely with our nonprofit and activist communities to find ways to step in where the province has failed us to keep our fellow Londoners alive and healthy with spaces to consume these drugs with safety and care. I will also be going to surrounding municipalities to organize collectively against the provincial & federal government to demand proper funding to deal with the addiction crisis.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes, over this term. Canada and the world are in very difficult times as the Trump administration have started a trade war and an oil crisis. This will mean devastating inflation and a recession if not a depression. A lot of the people are barely hanging on financially. Increasing property taxes right now feels like putting them further in a hole. This does not mean I don't want to fund services. There is room for cuts in the police budget that can be used to provide services.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. I hope to move funds from the police budget towards supportive housing, public housing, infrastructure projects and community building. If this becomes impossible I would prioritize these needs over limiting increases to municipal property taxes. As discussed above, we go into difficult times and I hope to limit increases to give time to build the community infrastructure to ensure people survive through the price shocks.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

No

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

Yes

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I would support all kinds of actions such as cultural events like Williams Lake's "Challenge Day" where students, teachers and volunteers tackle bullying, racism and violence. This allows students time to be heard and an opportunity for people to accept each other and realize that everyone has their own issues and differences.

I'd also expand culture sharing events where folks can get to know different cultures and form deeper bonds. I'd be open to support a wide range of measures.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

For the last 3 years I have been a national tenant union organizing trainer and helped people across Canada and London to gain the resources and education to organize independent tenant unions. I believe the city should make it a city wide initiative to offer the education and resources to organize their own tenant unions. City Council cannot lower rent but Londoners can so City Council should support Londoners. Additionally, City Council should put more funding into municipal housing.

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Yes

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

I will work with municipalities, local groups and unions to demand the province give municipalities the power to implement Commercial vacancy taxes. People in power don't do anything out of the kindness of their heart, they do what is best for their bottom line and we can force them to change their actions by targeting their bottom line.

Additionally I will advocate that such owners don't get even a cent of municipal dollars including limiting the Office-to-Residential CIP Incentive Program.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

You are amazing for all the work you do here in London including putting together this survey!

Lots of love

- Zack Ramsey

Leroy Osbourne

Ward 3 Councillor

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Somewhat Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
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Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

1)housing and homelessness 2) economic development 3) public transit and transportation
I think all of these go hand in hand with 1 another. If we fix the housing crisis, and get people off the streets with supportive housing, and actually affordable housing, we grow our economy. An economy where people spend less money on housing is one that can develop more and provide a higher standard of living. If we invest in public transit, and make it reliable and electrified like I am proposing, along with building reasonably sized new developments with full access to transit, we can also tackle other issues, like climate change, and public health due to lower carbon emissions. Cost of living is something of a elusive problem, as there is no 1 size fits all solution, we have to tackle multiple issues at once, which is why I think we should engage with housing, homelessness, public transit, and economic development first as they are all tied in together.

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Yes. Water is a natural monopoly, and a basic human need, and a human right. Privatization of water worldwide has been nothing but an abject failure. A publicly owned, democratically run publicly run water service is the only acceptable way to deliver water services to the public. Profit making with a basic human need will only lead to a drop in service quality, and a rise in costs, as UK has shown with their privatization. That is why I vow here that I will commit towards protecting London's Blue Community status.

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. Of course I would oppose it. They are loud, they damage the environment, and lead towards rising costs for everyone, considering the amount of energy they consume, and how damaging they are to the water supply. It does not bring economic growth, and raises bills for hard working Londoners through no fault of their own, but because of AI industry's insatiable demand for water and energy.

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Do you support Bill 5?

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Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

I would advocate strongly working with local MPPs to ensure that London can acquire an additional HART Hub and similar supports can be funded on an ongoing basis. House of Hope is an unfortunate case that was producing results for London and the individuals it supports. Continued creative funding collaboration will be required to ensure the longevity of this important city resource.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. I think it feeds into the cost of living, as it effects everyone, regardless of their income. I chose yes here, because I think we can raise money through elsewhere, instead of relying on an outdated form of revenue. I think we should work with the province to get a % of provincial growth revenue, or tax points from the HST. I am also running on a community wealth fund, where we leverage city's assets as money making mechanisms, like properties, and use them to fund the city.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. I think municipal priorities should take first place. The city for too long has made decisions that seem pennywise, but are pound foolish. We should spend the money now, to save money in the future, instead of spending none now, while paying more in the future, and with my plan of a community wealth fund of leveraging city assets to fund the city's expenses, in the future we would have to be less worried about rising property taxes.

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No

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No

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

The City established the Anti-racism and Anti-Oppression division need to take the lead to collaborate with the council appointed advisory group DIAAC and work with the LPS to perform impact measures on the City, community agencies and the LPS when it comes to supporting equity denied groups. Identify the gaps, and areas for opportunity to suppress and ensure far-right groups see London as an uncomfortable place to exist or set up shop. Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters.

What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

The housing crisis is perhaps the biggest challenge we face as a city. It requires a multi-faceted approach. It comes down to supporting transit oriented development, mixed use development, and little homes communities. Little homes are cost effective, can be designed to be energy efficient, and perfect for young professionals. Combining that with community land trusts, there is real path towards homeownership for future generations, without worrying about rising mortgage costs.

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I fully support city office-to-residence conversions. However, there is more that can be done. Properties that are just left vacant, for the sake of speculation, are a fire and rodent hazard. Regular and graduated inspection fees are a necessary tool to ensure the future use of these buildings and safety of the surrounding residents and buildings. Implementing an active use bylaws for the main floor is a small gap measure but requirements a better use of the street facing floors.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

Thank you for writing up this very comprehensive and thoughtful questionnaire!

Bob Wright

Ward 4 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
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Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Somewhat Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Somewhat Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Somewhat Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Somewhat Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Somewhat Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Somewhat Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

The most important priority for me is to provide responsive representation to the people of Ward 4 and the rest of London. My effectiveness as councillor for all other issues flows from my communication with constituents and my ability to help facilitate their access to City services and dealing with their frustrations in dealing with the same. We need to be constantly vigilant that we are using tax dollars wisely and that we are receiving value for the monies we are spending. This is especially true in two areas of high priority - housing and homelessness and dealing with the construction of transportation infrastructure. Most major roads should not be under construction at the same time.

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Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No

I support a moratorium on such construction until we can be reassured that any water used will be recycled and that the construction will not lead to higher energy costs for other consumers.

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Do you support Bill 5?

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Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

No response

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. This is really not a yes or no question. All councillors should be motivated to get the best value for tax dollars spent. However, the driver for tax rates is the services our citizens require and desire. Municipal councils cannot by law run deficits. 0 % or inflation level increases to tax rates mean that you can provide less services for the same amount of dollars spent. In the past when we have stuck to 0% tax increases we have ended up spending more dollars later to catch up.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

No. If they are needs or things the majority of Londoners think are important they need to be funded. Significant reductions can only be made if we can identify large budget items that we simply do not need. Other than the BRT which we are long committed to doing and have already sunk a great deal of money into, I can't name another project I would cut. On the other hand in the past year, Council eliminated the Neighbourhood Decision Making Program that I think was one of the best City programs.

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I think the response in 2017 was appropriate and should be a model for the future.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

I think we need to explore the possibility of once again becoming a constructor of affordable housing. Our current approach of working with not for profit groups such as Indwell is not keeping up with the demand.

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No

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We should advocate for a Vacancy tax. Some of the properties of key value to the City should be expropriated by the City.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

No response

Mario Jozic

Ward 4 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
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Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My top three priorities reflect what I hear at the doors and what I have experienced as a business owner, property manager and resident.

First, property-tax relief and financial accountability matter because Londoners cannot continue absorbing large tax increases without seeing better results. Every dollar must be spent responsibly, with stronger oversight, competitive procurement and measurable outcomes.

Second, safer, stronger neighbourhoods are essential to quality of life. Residents deserve well-maintained roads and sidewalks, effective property-standards enforcement, responsive city services and communities where families feel secure.

Third, housing and homelessness require both urgency and compassion. We must build more appropriate housing on vacant and underused land while protecting established neighbourhoods. We must also connect people experiencing homelessness with housing, mental-health care, addiction treatment and employment supports that deliver measurable results.

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Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

I will advocate for restored provincial and federal funding while supporting a coordinated response focused on mobile outreach, withdrawal management, treatment, mental-health care and supportive housing. The City should help close urgent gaps but cannot permanently replace provincial healthcare funding through property taxes. Every funded program must report measurable results, including treatment access, housing placements and repeat overdoses.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Keeping property taxes affordable is one of my top priorities. Londoners cannot continue absorbing large increases without seeing better results. I will scrutinize spending, improve procurement, review underperforming programs and demand measurable outcomes before supporting further increases. Tax restraint must come through better management and accountability while protecting essential services such as roads, public safety and infrastructure.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. I don't particularly like this question because it doesn't have to be one or the other. Obviously municipal needs are imperative. However, if we budget properly, make smart financial decisions and provide more transparency to the tax payers, we can actually support municipal needs while ensuring property taxes are manageable.

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Yes

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No

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I support maintaining clear rules prohibiting hate groups from using city property to promote racism, intimidation or violence, while respecting lawful expression protected by the Charter. The City should promptly remove unauthorized banners and hateful materials, enforce applicable bylaws, coordinate with police where laws may be broken, and communicate clearly that hate has no place in London.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

City Council should accelerate housing construction on vacant and underused land, streamline approvals and reduce unnecessary delays while ensuring new development fits surrounding neighbourhoods. I support a permanent Affordable Infill and Additional Residential Unit Matching Fund, prioritizing projects with meaningful affordability commitments rather than subsidizing market-rate development without conditions.

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I support stronger enforcement of property standards and escalating fees for buildings left vacant or deteriorating without a redevelopment plan. The City should fast-track permits for adaptive reuse, such as converting vacant upper floors into housing, and offer heritage restoration grants or tax incentives tied to firm construction and occupancy deadlines. Public funding must include affordability or community-benefit conditions, progress reporting and clawbacks when commitments are not met.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

This survey highlights the need for a City Council that can balance compassion, affordability and accountability. London must protect essential public services such as water, keep property taxes manageable and ensure residents can clearly see where their money is going and what results are being achieved.

We must increase appropriate affordable housing, restore vacant properties, strengthen neighbourhoods and respond urgently to homelessness, mental-health challenges and the drug crisis. These issues require cooperation with community organizations and sustained provincial and federal support, but the City must also establish clear goals and publicly report outcomes.

Randi Prunner

Ward 4 Candidate

Campaign priorities

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Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
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Parks, recreation and culture	Somewhat Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Somewhat Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Somewhat Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My top three priorities are homeless & unhoused, housing affordability, and climate action. It is my belief at this time that, by focusing on these three main areas, we would make the biggest positive impact for our City as a whole. Focusing on helping the unhoused would improve safety throughout the City, for both housed and unhoused. This in turn would reduce strain on our local healthcare and police systems, and bolster economic engagement. Investing in more affordable housing efforts would increase financial freedom, reducing consistent stressors and afford greater opportunity for people to engage in their community. Taking feasible local climate action would not only improve our living conditions and environment, it could also make recurring utility costs more affordable through additional energy sources.

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Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. I would vote against an AI Data Center in our municipality on the basis that it would directly contradict our Climate Action initiatives, at a bare minimum. To date, data collected on communities living with AI Data Centers has consistently shown a negative impact on said communities in a variety of ways. Local feedback on AI implementation has also been quite negative, indicating a lack of desire from communities to interact with any AI components.

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Do you support Bill 5?

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

I'm prepared to interact with all local parties close to this issue to create a plan that addresses the complexities of the issue, and is feasible within municipal jurisdiction. In addition to this, reaching out to provincial and federal parties when solutions require means beyond the municipal level.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Affordable living is a priority for me, therefore maintaining affordable property taxes is important. To this end, the goal will always be to deliver needed civil services efficiently and within budget.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

No. The goal will always be to deliver needed civil services efficiently and within budget.

With that said, it's important for council to listen to the needs of the community, and weigh them against the cost to constituents. Where possible, I will prioritize working within budget to limit increases.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

No

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

Yes

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I support City Council's previous actions and would support City Council turning the motion into a bylaw.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

I believe City Council can address the affordable housing crisis by supporting Community Land Trust initiatives and investing in Rent-Geared-to-Income housing.

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Yes

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Will you commit to demanding transparency about the portion of this Emergency Services Campus budget devoted to policing, as opposed to fire, dispatch, EMS, HAZMAT response?

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Will you commit to reducing the budget for the Emergency Services Campus by the amount that would be used for policing?

Yes

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

More strict enforcement of current property disrepair bylaws would encourage property owners to maintain building quality, removing a barrier to occupy for prospective businesses. Failing acquiring additional powers from the Province to impose a vacant commercial property tax, I would look into creating a bylaw that utilizes similar language and operates within municipal jurisdiction.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Corrine Rahman

Ward 5 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Somewhat Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Somewhat Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My top three priorities include: Keeping property taxes low to help with affordability in our community, Economic development as we face trade uncertainties and looking at ways to increase affordable and deeply affordable housing in our community.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. AI Data Centres already exist in our community. I think it is important to have a strong zoning framework in place to address any new applications. I'd like to better understand what environmental protections would be put in place before an application was advanced. At this time, I would not vote in favour.

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Do you support Bill 5?

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

The drug crisis in our community is a healthcare issue. We need to continue to advocate to the Province to address these issues from a healthcare and health policy perspective. That means there needs to be adequate supports in place for those looking to get off these drugs, including withdrawal care, addiction treatment and supportive housing. The City plays a more active role in the creation of supportive housing.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Keeping things affordable for Londoners is a priority. We are hearing from residents forced to make tradeoffs, experiencing food insecurity due to the cost of everything going up.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. There are always competing priorities and Council must consider all options and weigh the cost/benefits of any and all expenditures.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

Yes

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

No

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I think the rise of hatred in our community is unacceptable. I have always valued and championed an inclusive and welcoming community. As a City we have action plans to address hate in our community. I am supportive of this work and the community tables that work to support its implementation.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

The City should continue to prioritize permissions for affordable housing. I am supportive of a renewed strategy to address the affordable housing crisis in our community.

Continuing CIPs to incentivize affordable housing across the City and advocating to other levels of government to assist in addressing the crisis. We are seeing more individuals and families in need of food banks due to rising housing costs.

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Yes

Will you commit to reducing the budget for the Emergency Services Campus by the amount that would be used for policing?

No

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

The downtown master plan will be the guiding document for Council's work in the downtown moving forward. In the document they have many ideas to address the vacant commercial buildings in the downtown. These ideas need to be fully costed and a business case brought forward to Council for support. I am prepared to support more office to residential conversions (where they make sense), looking at the city purchasing target assets and working with the downtown stakeholders to address vacancies.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

Thank you! My platform is available at corrinerahman.ca

Ian Sterling Leishman

Ward 6 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My top three priorities are affordability, safe streets and downtown, and stopping wasteful spending.

Affordability: The cost of everything is going up, gas, groceries, housing and everyday household expenses. The City of London's solutions can't always be to throw more money at it. Over the last four years, city taxes have gone up by 26.9%. That kills affordability.

Safe streets and downtown: We need meaningful consequences for repeat offenders, traffic safety & slowing for pedestrians & cyclists, safe parks & downtown for kids and families.

Stop wasteful spending: The BRT budget started at \$281 million and has ballooned to approaching a half billion dollars, and about half of the project is getting done. Bus shelters that are huge by London England standards costing \$250,000 each is another example of waste. We don't need to cut services. We just need to have a close watchful eye on the money being spent.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes. I support London remaining a Blue Community and believe the principles behind these commitments are important, including protecting public water services, recognizing access to water and sanitation as a human right, and reducing unnecessary single-use plastics.

More broadly, I believe municipalities have an important role to play in environmental stewardship and addressing climate change. While I am always cautious about making absolute commitments about every possible future proposal without considering its specific circumstances, I strongly support the principles of London's Blue Community designation and would work to protect them.

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. I have serious concerns about noise, water, pollution and electricity use, infrastructure demands, and impacts on nearby communities. My answer is no based on those concerns, but I believe we should stay open to possibilities in general rather than rule them out altogether. For me to consider this, I would want independent research, strong environmental and community safeguards, and a clear assessment of whether a data centre provides meaningful public benefit, not simply financial gain.

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

This is a major healthcare crisis requiring provincial action. As a city councillor, I will push Ontario to properly fund mental health, addictions and social services. These gaps have persisted under governments of different parties for years. London cannot pay for all of this healthcare. The City is already doing far more than its share out of compassion and crisis management. We need to declare a state of emergency for homelessness, mental health and addictions.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

No. My position isn't simply to keep taxes low. Property tax increases should generally stay in line with inflation. Londoners are already struggling with rising costs, so raising taxes faster than inflation makes affordability worse. But increases below inflation aren't sustainable either—the City faces rising costs for staff, services and infrastructure too.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

No. I would prioritize keeping municipal property tax increases in line with inflation. However, at the provincial level, I would be open to a referendum asking Ontarians whether they would support a dedicated 0.5% or 1% tax increase to address homelessness, addiction, and mental health, provided there are clear objectives, transparent reporting, and measurable results.

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Yes

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

The City of London must use every tool available to make it clear that racism, bigotry and hate have no place in our community.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

London must pursue every opportunity to add housing, especially affordable housing, while partnering with provincial and federal governments to leverage every City dollar into three times the impact.

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No

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

As a member of Architectural Conservancy Ontario's London Region branch, I value preserving and restoring our heritage buildings wherever viable. I would support incentives and partnerships that help owners rehabilitate and adaptively reuse these properties. More broadly, we need to address long-term commercial vacancies and remove barriers to bringing properties back into productive use and creating a more vibrant downtown.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

I don't believe the answer to every difficult question is a hard yes or no. The better question is often: How can we make this better for Londoners?

I don't believe in simply saying we should always raise taxes or always lower taxes. We need a balanced, practical approach. Sometimes the right answer is somewhere in the middle, and sometimes we need to admit that we don't have all the answers and be willing to listen.

What we do know is that affordability is a major problem, and we need to address it.

City finances should be approached much like a household budget: you cannot continually spend beyond what people can afford. Londoners have faced a 26.9% tax increase over four years, and increases like that are making an already serious affordability problem worse, specially those on a fixed income. We need to have tax increases around the rate of inflation while protecting the services residents depend on.

We also need real safe street and neighbourhoods. That means meaningful consequences for repeat offenders. It means improving traffic safety and slowing vehicles where necessary to protect pedestrians and cyclists. It means making sure our parks, neighbourhoods, and downtown are places where kids, families, seniors, and everyone in

our community can feel safe.

At the same time, public safety and compassion must go together.

I believe London should declare a state of emergency over homelessness and use it to push the provincial government to step up and fulfill its responsibilities. People experiencing homelessness need more than somewhere to go for the night. They need appropriate housing, food, mental-health care, addiction treatment.

As Canadians, we are supposed to help people that need it the most, and we are not doing that.

Healthcare is a provincial responsibility, with support needed from the federal government. The City cannot solve these problems alone, but we can advocate strongly, demand action from other levels of government, and do everything within our ability to improve the situation here in London.

That is the approach I will bring to Ward 6: affordability, safety, compassion, accountability, and practical decision-making.

I won't pretend that every difficult problem has an easy answer. I will listen, ask questions, look for balanced solutions, and advocate to the best of my ability for decisions that improve the lives of the people of Ward 6 and London as a whole.

I'm open to talking about any of these issues or anything else that matters to you. Reach out to me through www.voteian.ca. I'd be happy to arrange a time to have a conversation.

Germán Gutiérrez

Ward 7 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

To build a city that works, we must change how London governs, how it communicates, and how it delivers justice, safety, housing, and public services. The current system is not working. London needs legal and structural reform, including: Criminal justice administration, Policing responsiveness, treating Housing and Affordability as a Human Right, putting a stop to privatization of what belongs to the public, protecting and expanding green spaces, tree canopy, storm water systems, and cooling centres, investing in public transit and active transportation to cut emissions and create stable jobs. I take all the points in your list as elements of priority that can only be included in a City Plan if our administrative systems are modernized and our legal frameworks are updated, reformed and adapted to the growing challenges of a City that has grown exponentially while its infrastructure has not been able to keep up with that growth.

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Yes

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Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. Residents want innovation, yes. But not at the cost of emissions, privacy, or jobs.

My commitment is to oppose data centre projects that increase emissions or strain public utilities and reject A.I. uses that undermine labour rights, impose surveillance, or automate decent jobs without providing all social protections necessary for a London that innovates without sacrificing workers or the environment.

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Residents want a faster, community centered justice system. We need legal reform, updated policing with clear communication, and crime prevention systems built for a growing city. I will fight for greater accountability from the Police governing bodies and voice my concerns Provincially and Federally on the need for Judicial Reform that contributes to modernizing how we deal with poverty, homelessness, the underprivileged working class and crime coming from criminal drug dealing in our streets.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Especially now that we face several crises at a national and international level, we must engage in all actions that will keep the cost of living for residents under control.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. If possible, and whenever possible, the protection of the budget of families in London must be protected. While at times this will not be possible, defending the pockets of our hard-working families must be the prevalent focus.

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I will support all measures adopted to keep hate away from London. This is not who we are as a people. This is not who we want to be as a Community. The values that we Canadians have always stood for are the total opposite of hatred, anger, violence, revenge and destruction. We have always been a people who promote peaceful coexistence, civility and a strict perception of what social discipline should be. That is how we were educated. That is how we have educated our children. That is what future generations deserve.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

I will struggle and add my vote to all initiatives that create: real affordable homes, strong tenant protections, a renoviction bylaw with teeth that deters people from abusing tenants for personal gain, supportive housing, 24/7 stabilization hubs, and action on encampments. No more excuses. I will also lend my voice to all efforts to reactivate buildings that have been hoarded by investors to the demerit of our possibilities for reactivating our downtown area.

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I will promote bylaws that hold those vacancies to very strict standards of maintenance and set equally clear timeframes for them to be placed as restored and redeveloped properties at the service of the many social priorities of the City's core. I will support a commercial vacancy tax and favor a push for landlords to activate empty spaces. I will also prioritize community uses, like centres for the arts, childcare, and small businesses.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

If candidates want to earn the confidence of the people, we must commit to rules that make every dollar traceable, every decision explainable, and every outcome measurable. The 2026 electoral process is a good opportunity to engage in promoting legal reform at all levels and to demonstrate that municipal leadership means careful management of money and assets, protection of nature and natural resources and ethical disclosure of measures taken for the improvement of the quality of life of Londoners.

Sam Hajar

Ward 7 Candidate

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Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My top three priorities are: Municipal finances/low property taxes, Housing and homelessness, and Climate action and the environment.

Municipal finances/low property taxes are especially important to London residents because they directly affect both household affordability and the quality of services people rely on every day. Housing and homelessness is important because homelessness has increased considerably and must be a priority for the following reasons: 1- Everyone needs safe and stable housing. 2- Housing has become expensive. 3- Homelessness affects health. 4- It affects neighbourhoods and London's downtown. 5- It affects London's future growth. 1- Protecting people from extreme weather. 2- Protecting the Thames River and local waterways. 3- Preserving London's green spaces. Saving money and protecting the local economy. 4- Protecting farmland and food security. 5- Creating a better city for future generations.

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Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

Yes. I would be supportive of an AI Data Center in our municipality, but I would need to review the full proposal and environmental assessment before making a final decision. My support would depend on ensuring that concerns such as water use, energy consumption, noise, infrastructure demands, and the overall environmental impact are properly addressed.

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

This issue is a public health emergency and I will advocate I'm prepared to advocate to keep naloxone, outreach, harm-reduction services and overdose prevention accessible while significantly expanding treatment, and mental-health supports. The citizens of London must be able to get help when they need it and not weeks or months later.

This cannot be achieved just by the City of London and for that reason I would push all levels of government to help with funding and recourses.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Keeping low property taxes matters for the following reasons: 1-Cost of living and housing affordability. 2-Residents need value for what they pay. 3-Good municipal finances protect future taxpayers. 4-It affects seniors and people on fixed incomes particularly strongly. 5-Businesses are impacted. Responsible municipal finances and affordable property taxation will ensure residents receive high-quality municipal services while controlling spending and limiting unnecessary tax increases.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I would support City Council taking reasonable and lawful measures to ensure that City property and public resources are not used to promote hatred, intimidation, or discrimination.

That could include by maintaining clear policies governing the use of City-owned property and facilities, promptly removing unauthorized banners, signs, or other materials from municipal infrastructure, and ensuring that existing bylaws and permit requirements are consistently enforced. Where activities may cross the line into threats, harassment, hate-motivated offences, or other unlawful conduct, the City should work closely with London Police and other appropriate authorities.

My approach would therefore be steadfast where there is hatred, intimidation, vandalism, or unlawful behaviour, while ensuring that any action taken by the City is consistent, legally defensible, and respectful of Charter rights.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

Affordable housing is a major concern,& I would implement the following:1-Make it easier & faster to build housing,particularly apartments,townhomes,duplexes,&triplexes.2-Use City-owned land strategically for affordable housing. Rather than simply selling suitable surplus property to the highest bidder.3-Protect the affordable housing we already have.4-Prioritize supportive & affordable housing. 5-Plan infrastructure alongside housing.6-Measure results by affordability,not simply permits issued.

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Yes

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Will you commit to demanding transparency about the portion of this Emergency Services Campus budget devoted to policing, as opposed to fire, dispatch, EMS, HAZMAT response?

Yes

Will you commit to reducing the budget for the Emergency Services Campus by the amount that would be used for policing?

Yes

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

I would advocate for faster approvals, & stronger accountability to get vacant downtown properties back into productive use. London's Office-to-Residential Conversion Program is an example how the City can work with vacant or under used buildings. Public incentives, grants & loans should be paired with accountability. City should provide a point of contact to help property owners work through planning, heritage, building-code & incentive requirements rather than navigating each process independently.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Waseem Kazzah

Ward 7 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My top three priorities are housing and homelessness, public transit and transportation, and municipal finances.

London needs practical housing solutions that increase supply, speed up approvals and provide more affordable options, while ensuring people experiencing homelessness can access effective support and pathways to stable housing.

As Ward 7 continues to grow, roads, transit and other infrastructure must keep pace. Residents need safer streets, less congestion and reliable transportation options that connect them to work, school and essential services.

Finally, as a CPA with municipal budgeting experience, I believe every tax dollar must be managed responsibly. I will focus on controlling unnecessary spending, improving transparency and delivering reliable services while keeping property taxes as affordable as possible.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. I would not support an AI data center because of its significant demands on water and electricity, limited long-term employment benefits, and potential pressure on municipal infrastructure and utility rates. London should prioritize developments that create more local jobs, use resources responsibly, and provide clear, lasting benefits to residents.

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

I will advocate for sustainable provincial and federal funding while supporting immediate local action: mobile outreach, naloxone access, withdrawal management, treatment, recovery services, supportive housing and mental-health care. I will bring health providers, police, outreach workers, businesses and people with lived experience together to coordinate services, save lives, support recovery and address public drug use and trafficking.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Londoners are already facing rising housing, food and transportation costs. Keeping property taxes affordable must be a priority. As a CPA with municipal budgeting experience, I will scrutinize spending, reduce inefficiencies and demand measurable value from every tax dollar while protecting essential services.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. I would prioritize essential needs such as public safety, road and infrastructure repairs, housing and core services when delaying them would cost taxpayers more or put residents at risk. However, any increase must be a last resort, supported by clear evidence, spending discipline and transparent reporting.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

No

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

Yes

The rise of the far right, both internationally and, particularly, in Southwestern Ontario, is a concern for many voters. In 2017, in response to a planned rally by groups promoting racist and hateful views, London City Council passed an emergency motion condemning all forms of racism, bigotry, and hate and prohibiting hate groups from holding rallies on city-owned property. In November 2025, a far-right group hung a banner from the Wortley Road overpass with the message "Remigration Now."

What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I would support enforcing clear, Charter-compliant rules prohibiting hate, threats, harassment and intimidation on city owned property. The City should respond quickly by removing unlawful material, supporting targeted communities, coordinating with police when laws are broken and publicly condemning racism and hate. Peaceful expression must remain protected but city facilities should never provide a platform for organized hate or violence.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

Council should accelerate approvals for affordable and missing-middle housing, reduce unnecessary delays and fees, allow more homes near transit and services, and use surplus city land for affordable and supportive housing partnerships. I'd also protect existing rental housing, strengthen enforcement against unsafe properties and bad-faith evictions, and advocate for sustained provincial and federal funding.

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No

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

I would support stronger property-standards enforcement, incentives for restoring heritage buildings, and faster approvals for converting vacant offices and storefronts into housing, small businesses, arts spaces and community services. Grants or tax incentives should require clear public benefits and firm timelines. I would also support a vacant-building registry and penalties for properties left unsafe or neglected.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Coralia Tudor

Councillor — Ward 8

Campaign priorities

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Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Somewhat Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My top priorities are 1. Addressing the unhoused in our city with programs and housing that will help them back onto the pathway to being successful members of our society. In helping this group leave the streets, both Londoners and businesses will gain more confidence to return to the downtown area. It's also the right thing to do! 2. To increase the number of employers and jobs within our city thereby improving the economic status of those living here. We have a very high unemployment rate and this makes day to day living a big strain on families. More employers, means more jobs, better wages and opportunities. 3. To address housing, so that there is adequate housing available at all levels to help those who are both living on the poverty line and those with means and everyone in-between. We have been to focused on building expensive homes, rather than filling the need for housing in a responsible way where communities are built and urban sprawl is minimized.

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Yes

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Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. AI Data centers are new, and the information that is currently available shows high levels of negative environmental impacts, from high water and electricity usage, to noise. At this time I do not believe that it is right for our community, but I am curious to see how this new geothermal one by Google and Ormat works out.

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Yes

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I believe that individuals facing addictions should be provided with mental and medical supports to help them recover. I recognize that this is a step the addict has to be willing to take and that housing and food security are required. Thus I want to create a specialized rehabilitation shelter with all the proper medical supports, education and life skills to get people back on track. For the good of the community open drug use should not be permitted and should be actively discouraged.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

No. My priority is to use the money properly and in an accountable manner. Ideally we take only what we need in tax dollars to get the job done.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. If there is a real need for something in the city and money can not be found in the budget after carefully scrutiny and auditing our finances for inefficiency then I would go to the tax payers and explain why, and increase the tax with the intention to decrease it back in the next year.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

Yes

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

No

The rise of the far right, both internationally and, particularly, in Southwestern Ontario, is a concern for many voters. In 2017, in response to a planned rally by groups promoting racist and hateful views, London City Council passed an emergency motion condemning all forms of racism, bigotry, and hate and prohibiting hate groups from holding rallies on city-owned property. In November 2025, a far-right group hung a banner from the Wortley Road overpass with the message "Remigration Now."

What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I would uphold the original motion and have immediate removal and enforcement. I would make a public statement condemning the idea as being unacceptable. I would like to further that original motion with a bylaw that prohibits any person from knowingly wearing any article of clothing or accessory that represents gang affiliations, including both colours or symbols. Furthermore, no person is permitted to wear any article of clothing that is racist, derogatory or demonstrates religious hate from being publicly displayed whether on public property, or at a private businesses, and/or establishments.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

City council should utilize its control over zoning when approving new land for possible development to encourage appropriate mixed demographic housing. The city should also pass a bylaw mandating that 10% of all new housing must be low income and 10% must be subsidized housing within any multi-residential unit. I also believe that we need to use large retail spaces better by including housing above them.

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No

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I would look at what can the city do, permits, loans, grants, creation of an asbestos abatement team, to help with their restoration and preservation. I would look at rezoning the land and other punitive measure if owners fail to move forward on developments or on renting the space.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

I want to be true to our city and it's original character while it grows. I want to build communities, not just houses with out a vision. I want to bring prosperity back to this city and remove the social struggles that we are currently facing.

Anna Hopkins

Ward 9 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Somewhat Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Somewhat Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

Housing and Homelessness: More advocacy is needed with the Provincial government to address mental health, additions and housing with supports.

Public Transit: We have started with updating our rapid transit infrastructure and we must continue to expand north and west of the city. Challenges will continue with costs of gas and vehicles. With a growing city, we need to support transit. Residents want it.

Climate Action Plan - We came up with a plan, now we need to support recommendations with funding. We must start somewhere.

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Yes

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. No to large data centres. Support smaller ones like the two we have in our city.

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

Continue to invest in health care.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Affordability is a concern for young people looking to rent or buy and older people wanting to age in place. The Province needs to change the formula it has with municipalities. It is not sustainable.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. Provincial government is now asking municipalities to cover future development charges when it comes to growth. We will not have a choice but to take on some responsibility on the tax levy. We must continue to advocate with the province to keep us whole.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

No response

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

No response

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I do not support any hate motivated groups.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

Federal government has given us capital funding for affordable units but we need the province to step up and continue working with the Federal government as well as provide operating dollars for these units and continue to support Health/Homelessness Whole of Community Response Plan. It is a plan to eventually get our vulnerable population housed.

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No response

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The city has started to give out grants, community improvement plans to work with owners of vacant properties. I am a strong advocate for encouraging owners, if possible, to preserve heritage properties. Giving out incentives for tax reductions and grants is what we need to continue to do.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Matt Millar

Ward 9 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Somewhat Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Somewhat Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Somewhat Important
Community safety (policing)	Somewhat Important
Public health	Somewhat Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Somewhat Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Not Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

Municipal finances and low property taxes matter most because every dollar City Hall takes is a dollar out of a family's or a small business's pocket, and London has a spending problem, not a revenue problem.

Economic development matters because a growing tax base, not higher tax rates, is how we pay for the services people actually rely on.

And democratic governance matters because council decisions keep getting made around residents instead of with them.

These three are connected: a council that spends carefully, grows the economy instead of taxing it, and actually listens to the people paying for it, is a council that works for London, not against it.

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Yes

"I reject "human right" as the term, especially for sanitation, since a right can't obligate someone else's labour. But no one should lose water access over genuine inability to pay, and working out arrears instead of cutting people off is the right thing to do.

The bottled water rule doesn't affect most residents day to day, so I'm okay with it.

My priority is public ownership of water under local control: London's water stays with London council, and not a province-run corporation.

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

Yes. My answer is only yes WITH STRONG CONDITIONS. No blanket yes or no. I won't vote for a moratorium, but I won't rubber-stamp projects either. A data centre can earn approval by bringing its own power generation that adds real capacity to the local grid, using cooling that doesn't strain our municipal water system, and meeting noise and setback rules that protect Londoners' homes.

Those are the conditions on which I will base my decision.

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

No response

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

The City holds three of eleven Board of Health seats, and as councillor I'd use that to push provincial and health-system dollars toward recovery and treatment, not toward managing continued use.

The City doesn't deliver clinical treatment; hospitals, CMHA, and the province do.

Public drug use is already illegal and I want it enforced, not tolerated, with real help offered to anyone who wants it.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. London has a spending problem, not a revenue problem, and every tax dollar taken is a dollar out of a family's or small business's pocket.

I won't vote for any property tax increase, for any reason during my term.

Growth should pay for growth: new development should cover the roads, water, and sewer capacity it demands, so existing taxpayers aren't subsidizing someone else's expansion.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes

Would you like to explain your response?

Yes, for genuine needs. No, for luxuries.

If a real need comes up, I'd rather find it inside the existing budget by cutting lower-priority spending than reach for a tax increase. I won't vote for a property tax increase, for any reason.

London's problem is how the money already collected gets spent, not how much more we could collect.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

Yes

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

No

What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

Nobody is above the law. And nobody should feel intimidated or targeted in their own city, and I take that seriously. I would go even further. I wouldn't stop at the far-right; I support full enforcement against anyone, of any ideology no matter where they fall on the political spectrum, committing illegal acts. And, in accordance with the law, if speech is lawful, then it must be permitted. The best disinfectant is daylight.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

Faster approvals, not more subsidy. London's Plan already requires 25 to 40 percent of new housing be affordable, and the City already waives fees and assigns concierge staff for those units. That's real interference already.

The honest fix is speed: pre-approved designs, like the federal housing catalogue, and faster permits, so supply actually grows.

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No response

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No

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Cut the friction. Fast-track permits and support pre-approved designs for adaptive reuse, like turning vacant buildings into housing or retail, so redevelopment is faster and cheaper than sitting empty. Streamline heritage permitting instead of layering on more review. A vacant building costs its owner money every month; if we make it easier to fix that, most owners will.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

A closing thought on this survey's format: several of these questions were genuinely elaborate, jurisdictional, legal, or values questions being forced into a Yes or No box. I left some blank rather than give an answer that misrepresented my actual position, because a false Yes or No is worse than no answer at all.

Good governance means being honest about where an issue is more layered than a binary allows. I won't just pick a side to fill a box. I'd rather tell voters exactly where I stand, and exactly when the honest answer needs more than one word, than pretend every municipal question resolves cleanly into Yes or No.

Thank you for putting this together and for the chance to lay out my positions in detail.

Skylar Franke

Ward 11 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My top three priorities are housing & homelessness, affordable & safer communities, and environmental action. To me, the solution for all three is creating a resilient city that addresses these intersecting issues. For example, building inwards and upwards along transit routes is one solution to many issues. It offers more housing, economic growth, and a larger tax base, along with reducing emissions and creating a city that people can navigate more easily. It also reduces urban sprawl, which is costly, bad for the environment, and creates long-term maintenance issues. Integrated solutions that address multiple issues at the same time are the most affordable option for residents.

Some policies & projects I want to see move forward next term include:

- green development guidelines
- tenant relocation & assistance program
- update school crossing guard policies
- smooth roll out of BRT
- pilot for air conditioners for low-income seniors
- improved winter response

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Yes

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Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

We cannot police our way out of a public health crisis (which is what I consider the opioid/street drug crisis to be), so I would be supportive of providing more highly supportive housing with wrap around services, more Hub spaces, more drop-in spaces and advocating to the province and federal government for more treatment / detox facilities. I submitted a motion asking the province to keep the funding that evaporated from Carepoint locally for treatment options and that passed at Council.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. I think keeping taxes as low as we can, while still providing good services is important from an affordability perspective. Most people are struggling with the increasing costs of everything. However I won't cut important services to keep taxes low.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes

Would you like to explain your response?

There are many services the city provides that I would prioritize over reducing the property taxes, and I would review the budget cases submitted by staff and our agencies, boards and commissions to make informed and evidence based decisions.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

No

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

Yes

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I would support proactive City action to prevent and respond to far-right hate, including;

- In 2025, I organized a community rally on the Wortley Bridge (Called Bridge Party with bubbles, cookies and music) against hate, bringing Londoners together to reject far-right intimidation.

- I have consistently supported London's 2SLGBTQ+ community and participated in Pride and queer community events.

- I would support ongoing funding for anti-hate education, community organizations and prevention.

- I would advocate for stronger City partnerships and clear responses when communities are targeted.

- I would ask the London Police Services to continue taking strong action to protect marginalized communities against acts of hate.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

I've worked to make housing more affordable and protect tenants. For every unit of affordable housing we build in London, we lose 19 units, so it's important we protect existing affordable housing stock. I've done the following and will continue to:

- Advocate for more deeply affordable and supportive housing.
- Support stronger tenant protections and relocation assistance.
- Oppose unnecessary displacement of renters.

Going forward, Council must build more affordable homes while protecting existing

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Yes

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Will you commit to demanding transparency about the portion of this Emergency Services Campus budget devoted to policing, as opposed to fire, dispatch, EMS, HAZMAT response?

Yes

Will you commit to reducing the budget for the Emergency Services Campus by the amount that would be used for policing?

No

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

- Ask the province for the ability to enact a commercial vacancy tax
- Publicly shame vacant builder owners who own over 60% of the vacant buildings downtown
- Continue offering offer to resident and commercial to resident conversion incentives (as the carrot) to create new housing units
- Continue offering heritage incentives and facade funding
- Support the Downtown Plan
- Close any property standard violation loopholes that allow for prolonged vacancy

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

I want London to be a city that works for everyone. A city that's easy to navigate; that residents can afford; with good jobs; that is vibrant with arts, music and culture; and is resilient to the oncoming climate crisis. I want to live in a city with a successful downtown and walkable neighbourhoods.

I believe that great cities are built by great neighbourhoods, and London has amazing neighbourhoods that need to continue thriving. Overall, I want all London residents to be proud to live in a city that feels safe and welcoming.

Elizabeth Pelosa

Ward 12 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

I will continue advocating for responsive policing, safe community spaces, environmental stewardship, and affordable housing. I have supported waste management, through the Green Bin program implementation and championed park garbage collection during the winter. Housing projects, such as Reimagine Southdale and Vision SoHo will help provide affordable and supportive housing.

I believe in efficient infrastructure and reliable transit to keep our local economy moving. Active transportation infrastructure needs to be complete networks and public transit, inc. ParaTransit, needs to be efficient, reliable and affordable. Intercommunity transit is also key to connecting the region.

As Londoners have seen a drastic increase in 'once in 100 year' weather events disconnecting London's remaining portions of its combined sewer system and continued funding of the Weeping Tile Disconnection Program will be necessary in conjunction with building resilient infrastructure.

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- Phasing out / banning single-user bottled water in municipal facilities and at municipal events.

Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. We must protect our communities. Policy framework needs to be established addressing environmental concerns, energy grid capacity, economic considerations, water supply/usage and community health concerns including noise and air pollution.

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

No response

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes

Why or why not?

No response

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

No response

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

No response

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No response

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

No response

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

No response

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No response

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Yes

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No response

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

No response

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Andrew Joseph Crook

Ward 13 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Somewhat Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Somewhat Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Somewhat Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

1. Safe streets and homelessness: London must address public safety and homelessness together. I support effective supportive housing and outreach, but also consistent enforcement, clean public spaces, better lighting and visible City presence. We should measure whether fewer people are sleeping rough and whether residents feel safe returning downtown.
2. Affordability and economic recovery: Keep taxes and fees under control, speed up housing approvals, reduce barriers for small businesses and rebuild downtown foot traffic and storefront occupancy.
3. Accountability at City Hall: Explain votes in plain language, publish meaningful financial information, answer constituents, measure outcomes and change course when results do not match promises.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes. Safe water is a human right. There really isn't much more to say about this, but you need me to give 500 characters so here I am adding in more thoughts.

There is a reason one of the first things we do for struggling society's is install fresh water wells and build simple water purification plants. Children cannot grow strong and healthy and people cannot flush their bodies of harmful toxins without a steady supply of safe drinking water.

I've traveled the world and mistakenly drank tainted water and it was a horrible experience.

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

Yes. This is a hot button issue. I would only approve it if we have a very clear use case. I believe in decentralized data centre's. Not massive giga-plants

Canada needs its own sovereign AI stack. Look at the US. If they shut down access to AI tech we would be hamstringing in Canada. We need our own stacks. But we do not compete with frontier models, we need "fast enough" which is great for research, school, governments, startups.

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Do you support Bill 5?

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

Safe streets and homelessness: London must address public safety and homelessness together. I support effective supportive housing and outreach, but also consistent enforcement, clean public spaces, better lighting and visible City presence. We should measure whether fewer people are sleeping rough and whether residents feel safe returning downtown.

This means we use safe supply for narrow use cases, but recovery should be a big part of the plan

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. This is key for prosperity. We are pushing seniors into the streets with high taxes. Plus it makes London un-investable.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. Safe city is the first job of any municipality. This must take priority, but more force (police) isn't the solution. We need citizens engaging again. That is what will keep streets clean.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

Yes

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

No

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I do not support any extremist groups. However, I believe strongly in the Charter rights for free expression. I believe that more speech is better than less, and I do not think that the government is a good measure of what is hate or what is not. Therefore I would defer to the courts on this matter.

As long as activists from any camp follow by-laws, get permits and respect the community they are guests in, I wouldn't block it.

If however extremists use the cover of protest to call for death and violence, I would support the police action needed to clear it and arrest its leaders.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

We need to maintain our existing supply, we need to make it secure from drug dealers and traffickers and we need to expand our supply of affordable homes, but public and privately owned. Zoning and DC (dev charge) breaks can be used to incentive this.

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No

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

We need to use existing by-laws to impose penalties on landlords who leave properties vacant. We need to bring thrm to the table. We also need to make downtown safe and clean. This requires a community effort.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

My goal with my campaign is to address the #1 issue I have diagnosed in London.

A lack of civic participation. We need ordinary citizens stepping up, cleaning streets, helping with outreach, participating in committees and representing our city.

Council needs to empower citizens. That's our core job.

David Ferreira

Ward 13 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
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Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
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Public health	Very Important
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Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

1. Downtown is London's cultural, civic and economic centre. I have already been working to move it beyond an office-centred model toward a complete neighbourhood with more housing, strong businesses and public spaces where people want to be.
2. London needs more housing options and stronger protections. I have worked to increase supply, expand affordable and supportive housing, protect existing affordable units, strengthen tenant protections and support pathways to home ownership. I will continue that work.
3. Everyone deserves to be and feel safe downtown. We do not have to choose between safety and compassion. I have worked to improve safety while pushing for better responses to homelessness, addiction and mental health challenges. I will continue pushing for safer public spaces, better supports and stronger coordination.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes. I am committed to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and upholding all three commitments. Clean, safe water is something everyone should be able to access, and I support recognizing water and sanitation as a human right. I also support keeping our water and wastewater services publicly owned and operated, and continuing London's commitment to reducing single-use bottled water in municipal facilities and at municipal events where access to municipal water is available. Water is a vital public resource, and I will continue supporting these commitments and protecting London's water services for the public good.

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. Based on what I have seen to date, I would oppose AI data centres in London. My concerns are their electricity, water, land and infrastructure demands compared with the relatively few permanent jobs they create. I worry about pressure on the power grid and the potential for facilities to use natural-gas generation, generating noise and heat. London has limited industrial land and infrastructure capacity, and I would rather see those resources support industries that create more long-term jobs.

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Do you support Bill 5?

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

The City cannot solve this crisis alone, but London must continue to do its part while pushing other governments for long-term solutions. I will support stronger coordination between outreach, mental health, addictions, housing and social services; better intervention for people in crisis in public spaces; clearer pathways to care and supportive housing; and practical solutions that help people move from crisis toward stability.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Keeping property taxes as low as responsibly possible is important, especially as we all continue to face rising costs. As well, we need to be realistic about the cost of maintaining essential services and infrastructure. My focus is on responsible spending and making sure Londoners see the value of their tax dollars in their communities and neighbourhoods.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. Essential municipal needs must come first, including water, wastewater, stormwater, public safety, housing and other core services. Keeping property taxes as low as responsibly possible remains important, but not at the expense of the infrastructure and services Londoners rely on. We need to maintain what we have, protect core services and make responsible decisions about new spending.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

No

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

Yes

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I believe everyone has the right to peaceful expression, but not to hate, intimidation, discrimination or violence. What occurred at the Wortley Road overpass was flat-out wrong and unCanadian. I support strong rules on City property, faster responses, coordination with police and human rights groups, and better support for those affected. Prevention is important here too as education, history and media literacy can help people recognize extremist recruitment and make fully informed choices.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

- Continue advocating to all levels of government for RGI, affordable and supportive housing in London.
- Expand affordable, non-market and deeply affordable housing.
- Build more family-sized and seniors' housing for London's changing needs.
- Measure housing success by affordability, not just units built.
- Consider tenant displacement, rents, bedroom mix and household incomes in planning decisions so existing affordable housing is protected and new housing is affordable to those who need it.

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- Support new and existing incentives for adaptive reuse and building modernization.
- Expand incentives for heritage revitalization.
- Support a downtown revitalization authority and launch a Downtown Leasing and Occupancy Strategy.
- Reintroduce temporary activation programs for vacant spaces.
- Expand creative-sector fit-out grants and support studios, galleries, maker spaces and incubators.
- Support small-business incubation and a Downtown Champions group.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

Over the past four years, I have worked hard for Ward 13 and for London. My approach has been consistent: listen, do the work, be accessible and put people first. That has meant helping residents navigate City Hall, supporting neighbourhoods and local businesses, protecting tenants, addressing safety concerns, and pushing for better responses to homelessness, mental health, addiction and people in crisis.

I have also worked to bring greater accountability and transparency to Council and City Hall, and to lead by example in how I conduct myself and represent the people who elected me.

There is still much more work ahead. My commitment remains the same: show up, work hard, be accountable, stand up for the people I represent and keep pushing for practical solutions that strengthen our neighbourhoods and our city.

Schelley Bisson

Ward 13 Candidate

Campaign priorities

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Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My three priorities matter because they determine whether people actually have confidence in their city.

Residents should feel safe using their neighbourhoods and public spaces.

They should see a downtown and Ward 13 that is functioning, clean, accessible and worth investing in.

They should have a City Hall that is transparent about decisions, spending and results with accountability.

These are not separate issues. When basic problems go unresolved, businesses struggle, residents lose confidence and people begin to believe their voice does not matter.

I am running because I believe municipal government has to earn that confidence back through visible work, clear decisions and measurable results.

I want Ward 13 residents to be able to look around their community and see the difference their vote made.

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No response

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Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. I support technology and economic growth, but not at any cost. AI data centres can place significant demands on electricity, water and municipal infrastructure while creating relatively few permanent jobs. Before London takes on those pressures, I would want clear evidence that the long-term economic and community benefits outweigh the costs. Growth should work for London, not simply happen in London.

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

I would push London to act on both sides of this crisis. We need treatment, recovery, supportive housing and outreach that gives people a real way off the street. At the same time, compassion cannot mean accepting open illegal drug use on sidewalks, at bus stops and in public spaces. I would press the province for sustainable treatment and recovery funding, while using the tools of council to demand accountability, measurable outcomes and safer public spaces.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Keeping property taxes affordable is especially important right now. Families, seniors and businesses are already dealing with a high cost of living and significant economic uncertainty. City Hall should not add unnecessary pressure. I would scrutinize spending, challenge unnecessary costs and demand measurable value for tax dollars, while protecting the essential services London depends on.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. Public safety, roads, transit, water infrastructure and other essential services cannot simply be neglected to achieve an arbitrary tax target. But prioritizing essential services is not permission for unchecked spending. I would expect City Hall to justify the cost, identify the result we are paying for and show residents whether it was delivered. Every tax increase should have to earn its case.

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Yes

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I would support a firm, viewpoint-neutral approach: enforce the law, protect public safety and protect lawful freedom of expression. Hate, threats, intimidation, vandalism or unlawful use of city property should be addressed quickly and consistently, regardless of who is responsible. Council should not police political opinions, but it should ensure city property and public spaces are not used for unlawful activity.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

City Council needs to get more homes built faster and make better use of land and buildings we already have. I would support faster approvals, removing unnecessary barriers, more housing near transit and services, partnerships for affordable and supportive housing, and converting suitable vacant or underused properties. Every housing initiative should report how many actual homes were created, what they cost and when people can move in.

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Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

Vacant buildings cannot become a permanent feature of downtown. I would support stronger property standards enforcement, incentives tied to actual restoration or occupancy, faster approvals for converting suitable buildings to housing or mixed use, and stronger action on neglected heritage properties. City support should come with deadlines and measurable results. Owners who invest should have a partner in City Hall; chronic neglect should have

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

Municipal government is where many of the decisions that shape our daily lives become real — on our streets, in our neighbourhoods, on transit, in housing, public safety, infrastructure, local businesses and the services we rely on.

After listening to thousands of residents and hundreds of businesses, I believe people are asking for something fundamental: a city that works, a government that listens and progress they can actually see.

We can be compassionate and restore public safety. We can grow while respecting taxpayers. We can build housing, strengthen neighbourhoods, support businesses and make downtown a place people choose to be.

Ward 13 is my home, but the responsibility of Council is to all of London. Good decisions should strengthen our neighbourhoods while moving the entire city forward.

London has enormous potential. Realizing it will take cooperation, accountability, courage and a willingness to do the work.

This is bigger than one campaign or one ward.

It is about building a London we are proud to leave to the people who come after us.

Stephen D'Amelio

Ward 13 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Somewhat Important
Climate action and the environment	Somewhat Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Somewhat Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Somewhat Important
Democratic governance	Somewhat Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My top three priorities are community safety, economic growth and reliable city services. First, Londoners need to feel safe in their neighbourhoods, on transit and downtown. That means combining appropriate enforcement with stronger mental health, addiction, housing and outreach supports.

Second, we need to grow our economy by attracting employers, supporting small businesses, filling vacant storefronts and making better use of our UNESCO City of Music designation, arts, culture, festivals and tourism. I believe in investing in Londoners and creating opportunities that keep talent and spending in our city.

Third, residents deserve reliable municipal services. Whether it is transit, snow removal, garbage, sidewalks or by-law concerns, people should know their issue has been heard and when it will be addressed.

These priorities are connected: safer communities attract investment, economic growth supports better services, and reliable services improve quality of life.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes

Do you support keeping water & sanitation publicly owned through direct control by municipalities?

Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No. I would oppose an AI data centre in London if it places significant pressure on our electricity, water, land and infrastructure without delivering enough long-term benefit to residents. These facilities can require enormous amounts of power and water while creating relatively few permanent jobs compared with other forms of development. I would rather see London prioritize investments that create more local employment, strengthen our existing industries and make better use of our infrastructure.

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Do you support Bill 5?

Yes

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

I would bring health, outreach, treatment and policing partners together while pressing Queen's Park for replacement funding. I also want London to explore a managed community model similar to the Cheese Factory Road concept, bringing shelter, health care, addiction treatment and support services together in one location.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. Keeping property taxes low is a priority because Londoners are already facing higher costs for housing, food, utilities and transportation. I want the City to focus first on efficiency, better use of existing resources and growing the tax base through development and investment before asking residents to pay more. Tax increases should be a last resort, not the first solution.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes. Keeping property taxes as low as possible is important, but there are municipal needs I would not neglect simply to avoid an increase. Public safety, reliable transit, roads and infrastructure, waste collection, snow removal and essential services must continue to function properly. My priority would be to find efficiencies, grow the tax base and pursue other funding first, while treating tax increases as a last resort rather than allowing core services to deteriorate.

Do you think hosting a trade fair for arms manufacturers and dealers is consistent with the civic values of our city?

Yes

Would you support a request from City Council to the Board of RBC Place to discontinue hosting this event?

No

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I will always condemn racism and hate, but I also believe lawful expression must remain

protected, even when I strongly disagree with it. The City should enforce clear, content-neutral rules for demonstrations on public property, use designated areas where needed, and ensure appropriate police monitoring when there is a credible safety concern. Intervention should occur when conduct becomes threatening, violent, obstructive or unlawful not simply because a viewpoint is offensive.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

London needs to build more housing without relying on the private market alone. I would prioritize City land for affordable, supportive and non-profit housing, partner with co-ops and community providers, support conversions of vacant buildings and streamline approvals for projects that deliver real affordability. We must also protect existing affordable rentals and aggressively pursue provincial and federal housing funding.

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Yes

Will you commit to reducing the budget for the Emergency Services Campus by the amount that would be used for policing?

No

Downtown London has many vacant commercial and heritage properties. What actions, if any, would you support to encourage these properties to be occupied, restored, or redeveloped in ways that serve the public interest? Please provide specific examples.

I would expand incentives to restore and reuse vacant buildings, but municipal support should deliver clear public value. The redevelopment of 195 Dufferin Avenue into 94 homes, including affordable units, is a good example. I would pursue more partnerships like this support storefront and heritage restoration and enforce property standards so important buildings cannot simply be left to deteriorate while awaiting redevelopment.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

My overall approach is that municipal government should protect the public interest while remaining practical about how we get results. I believe essential services should remain publicly accountable, housing policy should focus on affordability as well as supply and public land and public dollars should create lasting community benefit.

I also believe London should protect local decision-making, respect Indigenous rights and consultation and ensure economic development does not come at the expense of our environment or our neighbourhoods.

At the same time, we need to be realistic about affordability for taxpayers. My priority is to find efficiencies, pursue provincial and federal funding, grow our tax base and invest in programs that produce measurable results with a keen interest in tourism.

For me, good government means listening to residents and supporting vulnerable Londoners while making decisions that strengthen the city for the long term.

Gurinder Pal Singh

Ward 14 Candidate

Campaign priorities

Issue	Importance
Housing and homelessness	Very Important
Land use and planning	Very Important
Climate action and the environment	Very Important
Public transit and transportation	Very Important
Keeping water and wastewater services public	Very Important
Community safety (policing)	Very Important
Public health	Very Important
Parks, recreation and culture	Very Important
Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

With all respect my 3 main priorities are>

1. Control Drug Addicts as some of them running half naked & ready to fall down while walking.

Control by making more strict laws & more Police Patrol.

2.Homelessnwss also is partly due to drug addiction & partly due to high rent & no affordable housing.

3.Some parts of ward 14 has no Bus service.

To extend the Bus Service and specially in Industrial area where the workers on shift work late night & they have to walk long in winter or in summer to get Bus.

Also need better Bike Trails & Roads in & around Park with more Lights at night.

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Will you commit to protecting London's status as a Blue Community and opposing any attempt to undermine these three commitments?

Yes. Londoners need ownership & operation of water services. Also I commit strongly to protect London's status as Blue Community.

& oppose any attempt which undermines any of the above commitments.

Because recognition of water and sanitation is part of the Human Rights of Londoners. And Banning single user bottled water at municipal facilities and in events. I will remain fully committed on these important issues of Londoners and any other issue which comes during my term of 4 years and if it is important for Londoners.

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Yes

Will you oppose the provisions of this legislation that threaten to reduce control of water and sanitation by municipalities?

Yes

Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

Yes

The best conditions suitable after consulting the Professionals in this field.

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Do you support Bill 5?

No

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Do you support the Ontario First Nations Chiefs' legal challenge against Bill 5?

Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

More strict laws to ban the drug addicts.

Funding for safe drug consumption. More Police Patrol

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes. So people can afford to keep their houses and not become homeless.

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

No. Because i will be in favor of Londoners concern of reducing or limiting property tax.

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No

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

That has to be decided by the majority of Councillor votes but at the same time I will support totally what the Londoners want.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

Prefer to reduce & limit the Tax increase.

And build 1 & 2 bedrooms townhouses at the most reasonable price.

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Before restoring or redeveloping the vacant properties in Downtown make sure to take measures to control or stop Drug Addicts & Homeless because without taking care of this problem, working families will not come to shop or to live in those renovated or redeveloped buildings of downtown.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

Transparency, Accountability & Proper handling of Budget within limits.

Sarah Lehman

Ward 14 Candidate

Campaign priorities

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Municipal finances/low property taxes	Very Important
Economic development	Very Important
Equity, inclusion and reconciliation	Very Important
Democratic governance	Very Important

Please explain why your top three priorities are important to you.

My three priorities are housing and homelessness, public transit and transportation, and equity, inclusion and reconciliation because everyone deserves the opportunity to live, work and belong in London.

Housing is the foundation of stability. I want to support more affordable and supportive housing, protect the affordable housing we have, and address the underlying causes of homelessness.

Transportation is access to opportunity. We need reliable, affordable, and accessible transit, better connections, and improved Paratransit service, including booking and response times.

Finally, everyone should feel valued and included in our community. That means listening to communities that have historically faced barriers, advancing reconciliation, and creating meaningful opportunities for people with disabilities, newcomers, Indigenous and racialized communities to participate and contribute.

I want to help build a London where everyone has an opportunity to feel at home, participate and thrive

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Yes

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Would you vote in favour of an AI Data Center in our municipality?

No

I would not support an AI Data Center in or around our municipality of London.

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Yes

What are you prepared to do to address London's opioid/street drug crisis now that funding for safe consumption sites has evaporated?

I would focus on a compassionate, evidence-based response that addresses both immediate safety and the root causes of the crisis. The City should work with frontline organizations to expand access to mental health and harm reduction services, while investing in supportive and affordable housing. We also need better coordination between emergency services, healthcare and community agencies. People struggling with addiction need support, dignity and a pathway to stability, not punishment.

Is keeping property taxes low a priority for you?

Yes

Would you prioritize any municipal needs over reducing or limiting increases in municipal property taxes?

Yes, when the investment is necessary and provides real value to Londoners. I know that property taxes affect household budgets, so I would never support an increase without carefully considering affordability and whether the City is spending responsibly. But we also cannot address housing, transit or build a more accessible and inclusive city without investing in those services. My priority would be finding efficiencies first, while making responsible investments where they are needed most.

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What measures, if any, would you support City Council taking to prevent or respond to similar activities by far-right groups in the future?

I would support strong enforcement of existing bylaws and policies that prohibit hate and discrimination on City property. The City should work with London Police and community organizations to respond quickly to intimidation, threats or hate-based activity, and ensure affected communities feel supported. I would also support proactive education and community-building to counter hate and strengthen inclusion. The instance in November 2025 was responded to by a larger inclusive group event.

Affordable housing is a major concern for London voters. What actions do you think City Council should take to address the affordable housing crisis in London?

City Council needs to treat affordable housing as essential infrastructure. I would support building more affordable, and supportive housing, protecting the affordable housing we already have, and using City-owned land and financial incentives to partner with non-profit housing providers. We also need to streamline approvals for affordable housing and work with provincial and federal governments for sustained funding. We invest in prevention and supports that help people stay housed.

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I would build on existing incentives to make it easier to restore and occupy vacant properties, while prioritizing projects that provide public benefit. This could include converting vacant offices into affordable housing (London is doing), supporting small businesses and non-profits to occupy empty storefronts, and providing incentives for heritage restoration and adaptive reuse. I would also look at stronger measures to discourage long-term vacancy and ensure heritage properties are maintained.

Should the City advocate for additional powers from the Province, such as the authority to impose a vacant commercial property tax?

Yes

Additional comments

I have worked across the nonprofit, public, and private sectors, always with a focus on helping people navigate challenges, access support, and feel heard. My career has given me the opportunity to work closely with Londoners from many different walks of life and has shaped my belief that government should be accessible, compassionate, and responsive to the people it serves.

I previously worked with the City of London, helping residents behind the scenes connect with city services and solve issues impacting their daily lives. I also worked in a provincial constituency office supporting Londoners with concerns related to healthcare, housing, affordability, and social services. These experiences gave me firsthand insight into the barriers people face and the importance of practical, community-focused leadership. I believe everyday people can make meaningful change when they work together, and I am committed to continuing that work for the people of London.