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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	Funding and supports. There is also a need for collaboration within the nonprofits and charities. Volunteerism continues to be a challenge. I will continue to support nonprofits throughout the budget process. Municipal support is needed not just for funding but collaboration within the sector to strengthen the work that nonprofits perform in our community.
Q7 — Support a Formal, Ongoing Dialogue Mechanism With the Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — As a Councillor, I am not the expert. The City can benefit greatly from the expertise that nonprofits can offer such as workshops on relevant important issues that the city is facing. Unfortunately there needs to be leadership from the majority of Council to support a liaison or advisory table. Nonprofits can make a difference and must commit as well.
Q8 — Support Multi-Year Funding & Longer-Term Partnerships (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — As a community advocate before I came onto council, I know that community organizations matter. The city can benefit from their knowledge and expertise of the needs in the community. When it come to multi-year funding the challenge is always keeping the tax levy low and what the priorities of Council are. Those priorities can be incorporated in the strategic plan. Council can do a better job working together supporting non-profits but leadership is needed.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	Its not just about showing up at a meeting. Collaboration and respect is needed on both sides of the table. Relationship building and commitment must continue. As the city deals with issues of a growing city, understanding and working together becomes even more important. When I look at other cities that have achieved their goals, it usually is because council and stakeholders have worked together.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	Other than funding, I need to understand what is the City's role is in supports of the nonprofit sector. How does staff interact with the nonprofits and what that relationship looks like is something I need to better understand.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	The Economic Prosperity Plan along with the Downtown Plan sets out the roadmap for growth, investments, culture/talent development and revitalization of our downtown for the next 5 years. This will also set the course for the next Council. It will be up to everyone, including the nonprofit sector to work together and make the investments that are needed in our community.
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	Throughout the many public participations meetings that are held throughout the budget process, development, housing, master mobility plan, homelessness issues etc., I have always appreciated delegations from the nonprofits and listen to their perspective.
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes