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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	Uncertainty. Demand keeps rising, but many organizations can't plan past twelve months because city funding arrives one year at a time. You can't hire good staff, sign a lease, or build programs that way. London already budgets in multi-year cycles, and community funding should work the same way. I'd support multi-year agreements for proven organizations, tied to clear outcomes, with streamlined reporting. Stable funding isn't more spending. It's the same dollars, spent smarter and more reliably.
Q7 — Support a Formal, Ongoing Dialogue Mechanism With the Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes
Q8 — Support Multi-Year Funding & Longer-Term Partnerships (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — Refer to question and answer 6.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	Bring them in at the start, not the end. Often nonprofits are consulted after the staff report is written, when the real decisions are already made. As we design the new neighbourhoods coming through the Urban Growth Boundary expansion, the organizations delivering childcare, settlement services, and seniors' programs should be at the table alongside planners. That's my infrastructure-first principle applied to people, not just roads and buildings.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	Use what the City already has before spending on anything new. London owns underused buildings, and downtown has vacant space dragging down the core. Matching nonprofits with that space through below-market leases or shared hubs helps organizations and revitalizes buildings at once. As a building inspector, I know which conversions are practical and what they cost. Beyond space, be an easier partner: predictable funding, simpler reporting, one point of contact.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	Nonprofits are economic infrastructure. They employ thousands of Londoners, train volunteers into workers, and deliver the childcare, settlement, and mental health services that let people take jobs and keep them. With unemployment still among the highest of any major Canadian city, we need that engine running at full capacity. Success looks like proven organizations on multi-year funding agreements, community services planned into new neighbourhoods from day one, underused city space converted into working nonprofit hubs, and more of our neighbours moved from crisis into stable housing. Measurable outcomes, published openly, so Londoners can see the results.
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	—

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Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes