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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	Financial instability remains a significant challenge for many charities and nonprofit organizations. Long-term viability requires a diversified funding model rather than dependence on any single funding source. Government funding should be viewed as one part of a broader revenue strategy, complemented by donations, grants, sponsorships, earned income, and community support. Establishing a reserve fund can further strengthen an organization's ability to navigate turbulent times. I would support that the City continue to help coordinate and extend board training, governance and financial training, in person or virtually, to key nonprofit and charity stakeholders who receive city funding.
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 — The stability that four-year funding cycles provides allow agencies to be strategic, and administration can be focused on meaningful longer-term goals. Including how to diversify their funding streams. However, it's not always necessary, so one-time grants also have their place.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	Through Public Participation Meetings (PPM's) such as the Budget process. Another forum I have appreciated and valued their insight is as a Delegate at Standing Committees when there is a topic they are well versed in. I meet with the upon request, I have attended in person meetings with their members as requested-sometimes as a speaker, and sometimes an opportunity arises and I connect them with local community businesses who are looking to sponsor.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	At times we are aware of nonprofits that have physical space that are looking for revenue generation through offering space rentals, or tenancies and can help connect interested parties. The City could partner with a nonprofit, like Pillar, to deliver board training, governance and financial training to key nonprofit and charity stakeholders who receive city funding.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	There are more than 1,800 nonprofits and charities operate in London, of which 900 are registered charities. They support everything from health and housing, to newcomers settlement and the environment. They are a significant employer in the city as well as the other positive impacts they have. What I see happening over this next term is: • • Advocacy for public policy for social, cultural and environmental investment and equality. Investing in the local economy • • Grass root engagement with residents Form partnerships to secure government and/ or for profit business that leverage their knowledge of local community needs. A stable nonprofit sector with resident experiences and increase to their quality of life is what success would look like to me.

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Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	As someone with formal education in the nonprofit sector as a graduate of Humber College's Arts Administration – Cultural Management program, as well as work and volunteer experience with several nonprofit organizations, I know firsthand the sector's vulnerabilities. As a current City Councillor, I regularly meet with nonprofit organizations and individuals seeking to expand their reach and impact. As Council's 2022–2026 Budget Chair, I felt it was paramount that the nonprofit sector understood how the City's Multi-Year Budget works and how organizations could formally engage in the process. It was a privilege to serve as a presenter at Pillar Nonprofit Network's "Nonprofits, the Municipal Budget, and Strong Mayor Powers" policy workshop.
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes