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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	Non-profits and charities are facing the same challenges as our municipal government. Namely, a growing need from the community for the supports and services needed to have a good quality of life at the same time that the resources needed to do that work are becoming more constrained. Having year to year budgets and never knowing if/when funding will continue has been a significant challenge to not-for-profits and its employee. Providing last-minute and unstable funding to NFPs that serve critically important functions in our community, shows a lack of respect. As Mayor, my top priority is making a city that works for everyone. At its core, this means providing leadership, and taking actions to ensure that our limited tax dollars are able to deliver the best outcomes possible. I want to increase accountability and transparency around budgeting (both to the community and to NFPs), contracts with the city, and decision making so Council and Londoners know that we are investing in the services that deliver the best outcomes. And where we identify that we are not getting good value, reinvesting that funding to where it can have the most impact. I am open to hearing from all Londoners and organizations about their priorities and expectations for our community. And I will work with everybody who wants to help work towards addressing these priorities. But this comes with a commitment to transparency so Londoners know who I am speaking with, and who is trying to influence decision making, and ensuring that NFPs who make our city a better place, through the arts, environment and social services, are treated with respect and valued.
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 — I support multi-year and longer-term partnership for community organizations where the organization is willing to commit to accountability and transparency on how city funds are being used, and what outcomes are being achieved. Municipal taxpayers, like non-profit donors expect and deserve to know how their funds are being used. These agreements should be on a case-by-case basis, based on need, and with a business case and rationale that justifies a longer-term arrangement. I understand that different projects and programs have different needs. Some may only need one-time start-up funding to become self-sustainable. Others may be well-established, delivering high-quality outcomes and could benefit from the stability that longerterm partnerships or funding can provide to continue that work. Ultimately the question should be whether a multi-year arrangement would be mutually beneficial to delivering on community priorities that help improve quality of life of Londoners.

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Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	As I mentioned, I will work with everybody who wants to help improve the quality of life for Londoners. I know there are many nonprofits in London who support community wellbeing without receiving grants from the City. Many of these groups bring their advice and recommendations to the city through direct engagement with the Mayor and Council, speaking at public meetings, and participating in consultations. As Mayor, I am committed to regular, ongoing dialogue with residents, nonprofits, business, and other organizations. My approach to leadership includes bringing all of the interested parties to the table to ensure we understand how decisions affect different parts of the community, and are making decisions that move us towards making sure everybody receives the services then need. As Mayor, I would also work with umbrella organizations such as Pillar to access information and establish communication with NFPs.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	As Mayor I will have an important role in helping create the conditions for economic growth that creates a high quality of life for Londoners. This includes making sure there is space and support for a vibrant non-profit sector. The most significant lever the city has to do this is delivering high quality public services. When we get the basics right, it makes it easier for people to thrive. When transit works, people can get to and from services, jobs, and volunteer opportunities easier and on-time. When service deliver is smooth and effective, nonprofits can get the permits and approvals they need quickly and easily to focus on their mandates instead of navigating bureaucracy. I want to make sure we are providing the right resources for city services to be effective, higher quality, and transparent so Londoners know they are getting the best value for money. This will result in public services and community infrastructure that will create the right conditions for nonprofits to succeed. For too long, local NFPs have been forced to compete with each other for limited funds, working against each other instead of collaboratively. With more stable funding and more transparency, I hope that London can instead create more cross-sector collaboration. Arts working with social services, environment working with youth, history working with education, health working with women's organizations. I'd like to facilitate this kind of collaboration through the Mayor's office. Its not just about attending ribbon cuttings and photo ops: it's about authentic and real engagement with the NFP sector.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	London is incredibly lucky to have an incredibly vibrant NFP sector. We have organizations that represent health care, human rights, environment, charitable giving, working with our most vulnerable. These organizations help London thrive: through annual festivals, galleries, museums, and through assisting those who need help. All of this is tied to economic vitality and community well-being. A stably funded arts community brings economic spending through tourism. A healthy and sustainable social service sector means savings in health care spending, and frees up emergency room spots. It is time for London to stop seeing the NFP sector as only "taking" funding, and recognizing what NFPs contribute to London being a liveable and energetic city and contribute economically, both directly and indirectly.
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	As someone who has advocated for non-profits through my work at SWON Public Affairs, including by providing pro bono services, I want to ensure that all sectors and industries are treated as equally as possible. That means making sure they are heard, that their input is genuinely valued, and that they have a meaningful role in the decision-making process.

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