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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	Funding is a significant challenge facing nonprofits and charities in London. While the City's resources are not infinite, supporting nonprofits is important, and we can prioritize supporting nonprofits that are doing essential work in the community. Leadership turnover is also a challenge for nonprofits at the moment. I'm not sure exactly how the City could be helpful on that front, but I'd certainly be open to discussing it. Finally, there has been a tendency among a few members of the current Council to antagonize nonprofit organizations who are doing vitally important work in our community. As a Councillor, I would push back against that because it does a disservice to the work that these organizations are doing, and frankly, it does a disservice to Londoners.
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 — Nonprofit organizations are on the front lines of addressing some of the most pressing challenges of the day, most notably the homelessness crisis. Many nonprofit organizations are doing work that perhaps should be done by the public sector, but it's not and that's where we are. Multi-year funding and longer-term partnerships make it easier for these organizations to plan, to budget, to hire staff, and to serve Londoners effectively.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	There's a good deal of expertise in the nonprofit sector. It may sound trite, but I think that listening is an important first step. One model to look to is the City's relationship with the development community. The development community is consistently consulted meaningfully and proactively on matters related to planning. I think that the nonprofit community should be consulted on the same level.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	I think that the City should help where the City can help, and I'd be happy to chat further about what that can look like.

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Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	Some products and services work well on a for-profit model. However, there are many products and services that we as a society need and that private, for-profit companies are simply not set up to deliver. Not everything works well on a for-profit model. This is where the nonprofit and public sectors come in. As I mentioned above, the nonprofit sector is taking the lead in helping some of London's most vulnerable residents, namely, people who are unhoused. The nonprofit sector also takes the lead on exciting and important community initiatives that benefit all of us and that don't make particularly good for-profit business plans. ReForest London's tree giveaways and the London Environmental Network / Antler River Rally river clean-ups come to mind as examples. My own work in the nonprofit sector (with Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada) also falls squarely in the category of "not a good for-profit business model." Over the last 11 years, I've trained concerned citizens to become volunteer climate lobbyists, and have facilitated hundreds of meetings between volunteers and their elected representatives. It's important work, someone should do it, and it would be very difficult to do as a forprofit business. One of the real strengths of the nonprofit sector is the ability to deliver what society needs, not just what makes money.
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	As I mentioned above, I work for a nonprofit organization (Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada), so as a Councillor, I would highly value the input and expertise of the nonprofit sector, and supporting the sector would be a priority for me.
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes