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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	As a leader of an ethnocultural nonprofit organization for many years, I have seen firsthand that the biggest challenges facing nonprofits and charities in London are growing demand, limited and unpredictable funding, staff and volunteer burnout, and a shortage of affordable community spaces. Grassroots, ethnocultural, and nonprofit organizations often face additional barriers, including complicated grant applications, limited administrative resources, and difficulty accessing municipal support and decision-makers. At City Council, I would support stable multi-year funding, simpler, more transparent grant processes, affordable access to City facilities, and practical support in areas such as governance, technology, volunteer recruitment, and grant writing. I would also ensure that nonprofits are consulted early and treated as valued community partners. Strong nonprofits create stronger neighbourhoods, support vulnerable residents, and help build a more inclusive and connected London.
Q7 — Support a Formal, Ongoing Dialogue Mechanism With the Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — Yes, I would support establishing a formal and ongoing mechanism for dialogue and collaboration between the City and London's nonprofit sector. This could take the form of an advisory table, liaison role, or another practical structure developed in consultation with local organizations. It should include representatives from large and small nonprofits, charities, grassroots groups, and diverse cultural communities. Nonprofits work directly with residents and understand emerging community needs. Regular dialogue would allow the City to hear their expertise earlier, coordinate services more effectively, reduce duplication, identify funding and policy barriers, and make better informed decisions. The mechanism should have a clear mandate, diverse representation, transparent reporting, and measurable outcomes so that it produces meaningful action rather than adding unnecessary bureaucracy.
Q8 — Support Multi-Year Funding & Longer-Term Partnerships (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — Yes, I support multiyear funding and longer term partnerships for community organizations. Stable and predictable funding allows nonprofits to plan responsibly, retain qualified staff, strengthen successful programs, and focus more of their time on serving residents instead of repeatedly applying for short term funding. Longer term partnerships also provide the City with greater continuity, stronger accountability, and better opportunities to measure results. Funding should remain transparent, responsible, and connected to clear community needs and measurable outcomes. When effective organizations have stability, they can deliver better services and create lasting benefits for Londoners.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	I would ensure nonprofits are included early and meaningfully in City decision making through regular consultation, representation on relevant advisory tables, and ongoing communication with City staff and Council. Their frontline experience provides valuable insight into community wellbeing, economic development, housing, inclusion, and neighbourhood planning. By treating nonprofits as strategic partners, sharing information openly, and clearly reporting how their recommendations influence decisions, the City can develop more practical policies, reduce duplication, and achieve stronger outcomes for Londoners.

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Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	I believe the City has an important role in supporting the infrastructure that helps nonprofits succeed, while respecting their independence and expertise. This includes improving access to affordable shared community spaces, supporting training in areas such as governance, technology, financial management, and volunteer development, and creating opportunities for collaboration among nonprofits, businesses, educational institutions, and government. Investing in this foundation helps organizations use resources more efficiently, strengthen their services, and work together to achieve better and more lasting outcomes for Londoners.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	I see the nonprofit sector playing an essential role in London's economic vitality and community wellbeing over the next four years by creating jobs, supporting local businesses, attracting investment, developing skills, and delivering vital services that strengthen neighbourhoods and improve residents' quality of life. Success during my term would mean stronger and more stable community organizations, deeper collaboration with the City and other sectors, greater inclusion of diverse voices in decision making, and measurable improvements in areas such as housing, food security, mental health, newcomer support, youth opportunities, and community connection. A successful London is one where nonprofits are recognized and supported as strategic partners in building a more prosperous, inclusive, and resilient city.
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	I believe in the power of community engagement and nonprofit organizations' collaboration
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes