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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	The biggest challenge facing London's nonprofits and charities are the following: -Funding from all 3 tiers of government including short-term funding. -Operating cost. - Rising housing costs. - Homelessness. -Food insecurity - Mental-health and addiction concerns. -Increasing demand for services. -Staffing and volunteers. At City Council, I would support a more stable and collaborative relationship with the nonprofit sector. This would include: -Expanding predictable, multi-year municipal funding. -Simplifying grant applications. -Establishing a permanent municipal nonprofit advisory table to identify emerging needs. -Strengthening partnerships with nonprofit and cooperative housing providers. - Advocating consistently to the provincial and federal governments for adequate, long-term funding in areas such as housing, homelessness, mental health, addiction treatment, settlement services, and food security. Nonprofits and charities should be treated as essential community infrastructure. It is about preventing crises, improving quality of life, and reducing pressure on emergency services and other costly municipal systems.
Q7 — Support a Formal, Ongoing Dialogue Mechanism With the Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — I would support this because nonprofit organizations are often on the front lines of addressing issues such as housing, food insecurity, mental health, youth services, and poverty.
Q8 — Support Multi-Year Funding & Longer-Term Partnerships (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — Because by investing in stable, accountable partnerships, the City can strengthen the nonprofit sector, improve service continuity, and achieve better long-term outcomes for residents.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	I would ensure nonprofits are included as strategic partners by involving them early and not after major decisions have already been made. Furthermore I would establish formal mechanisms for nonprofit participation, such as representation on advisory committees and I would support ongoing relationship-building rather than relying solely on one-time consultations.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	The City has an important role in creating the conditions that allow the nonprofit sector to succeed and excel, while recognizing that community organizations are best positioned to determine and deliver the services their communities need. The City's role should be to strengthen the infrastructure surrounding the nonprofit sector and not to direct its work.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	The nonprofit sector plays a critical role in London's economic vitality and community wellbeing over the next four years. Nonprofits are not separate from the local economy, and are essential partners in addressing challenges that can otherwise limit economic participation, including but not limited to poverty, homelessness, food insecurity, mental health concerns. Over the next four years, I would like to see the City treat nonprofit organizations as strategic partners rather than simply as service providers or funding recipients.

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Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	My priorities for the nonprofit sector are long-term sustainability, meaningful collaboration, and measurable community impact.
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — Because nonprofit organizations play an important role in addressing local needs and delivering essential services. Page 4: Authorship Declaration