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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	The two challenges are lack of stable and reliable funding and an uncertain volunteer base. By providing stable, reliable and adequate funding, organizations can better do the type of planning and outreach needed to secure a stable volunteer base.
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 — A longer-term funding commitment is necessary to avoid last-minute crises which need to be addressed ad-hoc. We could accomplish this through a better use of the multi-year budget process.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	The nonprofit sector needs to be better recognized when filling positions on advisory committees, tables and other special groups. The city needs to do a better job reaching out, but this is not just limited to the non-profit sector.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	As the city looks at encouraging a higher use for under-utilized spaces, especially in the core, consideration should be given to sharing space with non-profits. The importance of capacity building is misunderstood in city hall, many staff and councillors see non-profits as simply asking for money. There is a gap between perception and reality. But understanding the strategic importance of capacity building, a key function of Pillar, should help close this gap.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	It's hard to predict, but at the very least we should see nonprofits better integrated into all aspects of the city's economic development and downtown revitalization strategy
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	For me the key is providing adequate funding and support. We shouldn't look at expenditures for nonprofits as sunk costs, money out the door; but rather as legitimate investments which will create value and positive benefits in the long run. Councillors (and staff) need to have a better appreciation of the positive multiplier effect of investing in the nonprofit sector.
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes