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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	I think the biggest challenge is donor fatigue and the fight for attention. There are so many worthy causes deserving of time and money, it can be overwhelming at times for people to determine where to donate and/or volunteer. In terms of what Council can do to assist, I do not believe that Council should weigh in on which causes or organizations are most deserving, but organizations such as Pillar can be very helpful in terms of providing important information so that Londoners can make informed decisions about donating and volunteering.
Q7 — Support a Formal, Ongoing Dialogue Mechanism With the Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — I would not support a standing committee, but I would be open to exploring a liaison role or advisory committee.
Q8 — Support Multi-Year Funding & Longer-Term Partnerships (Yes/No + Why)	Yes — That would depend on the organization, but there are definitely opportunities for the city to partner with community organizations to tackle complex issues such as homelessness and climate change.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	I think this would need to be approached on a per issue basis. For example, community partners such as Indwell and House of Hope have an important role to play in addressing homelessness, particularly with respect to those who require supportive housing. I believe the best approach is to consult with sector-specific community organizations on an issue-by-issue basis to ensure a broad range of perspectives are heard and that as many stakeholders as possible are looped into discussions.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	I feel that the non-profit sector often fills in gaps in services and unmet needs, so I would support initiatives that assist in that work.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	Per the above, gaps in services often fall to the non-profit sector so there is definitely opportunity for collaboration and cooperation there. Organizations that address a specific sector such as women's issues, the LGBTQ+ community or support for small business often bring a subject matter expertise that might otherwise be missing from a conversation. I also envision a strong opportunity for partnership and collaboration in that respect to ensure that decisions concerning the budget, services and community programming are evidence-based and are made with all available information.
Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	I have been a volunteer for many organizations throughout the city since I moved to London in 2011, including St. Joseph's Hospital, London Middlesex Community Housing Ronald McDonald House and the Chamber of Commerce. I know how important the work of non-profit organizations is because I have seen first-hand the positive impact it has on our community.

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