

# Waseem Kazzah

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| Question                                                                                | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector &amp; Actions Candidates Would Support</b> | demand for services keeps growing while funding, staff and volunteer capacity are stretched. Nonprofits are being asked to do more, especially around housing, food insecurity, mental health and support for vulnerable residents. I would support more predictable funding, less unnecessary red tape, and better coordination between the City and organizations already doing good work in the community. I also think we need to focus on results. When public dollars are involved, we should know what is working, where the gaps are, and make funding decisions based on community needs and measurable outcomes. |
| <b>Q7 — Support a Formal, Ongoing Dialogue Mechanism With the Sector (Yes/No + Why)</b> | Yes — I support having a regular and structured way for the City and nonprofit sector to communicate. These organizations are often on the front lines and can identify emerging problems before they become larger ones. A standing advisory table or similar mechanism could help the City hear those concerns, coordinate services and make better decisions. At the same time, I would want it to be practical and focused on outcomes, not another layer of bureaucracy. It should include a broad range of organizations, including smaller nonprofits that may not always have a seat at the table.                 |
| <b>Q8 — Support Multi-Year Funding &amp; Longer-Term Partnerships (Yes/No + Why)</b>    | Yes — Multi-year funding can give organizations more stability and allow them to plan ahead, retain staff and focus more of their time on delivering services rather than constantly reapplying for funding. However, longer-term funding should come with clear expectations and regular reporting. If taxpayers are funding a program, we should be able to see what it is achieving and whether it continues to meet a real community need.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making</b>                         | Nonprofits often work directly with residents and have practical knowledge that can be missed when decisions are made only at City Hall. I would involve them earlier in discussions on issues where they have relevant experience, rather than consulting them after decisions are mostly made. At the same time, we need to hear from a broad range of organizations, including smaller and newer groups, so the same voices are not always the only ones at the table.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure</b>                     | I believe the City can help nonprofits succeed without necessarily solving every challenge through additional funding. We should look at practical supports such as making better use of City-owned spaces, encouraging shared facilities and resources, and bringing nonprofits, businesses and other community partners together. Where the City does provide financial or other support, it should be transparent, fair and tied to clear community outcomes.                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role &amp; What Success Looks Like</b>                  | Nonprofits are an important part of what makes London a good place to live. They support people, create jobs, bring communities together and often step in where government cannot do everything on its own. Over the next four years, I want to see the City treat nonprofits as partners, not simply organizations we fund. Success to me means less duplication, better coordination, stable organizations and, most importantly, better outcomes for Londoners. I want us to measure success by the difference we are actually making in people's lives.                                                               |

| Question                                                                                  | Answer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Q12 — Other Priorities</b><br><b>Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know</b>              | <p>spend public money responsibly, listen to the people doing the work on the ground, and focus on results. I want London to remain affordable while growing into a city where people and families can build their futures. Nonprofits have an important role in that, and I want City Hall to be a reliable partner while also being transparent and accountable with taxpayers' money.</p> |
| <b>Q14 — Commit to Engaging With &amp; Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)</b> | <p>Yes</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |