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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	I see the biggest challenges facing nonprofits and charities in London as lacks in communication, support, and inconsistent funding. I will work closely with nonprofits and charities to work together to achieve our mutual goals of bettering London.
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 — Inconsistent funding and partnerships adds a lot of work to the nonprofit sector which takes away from their ability to offer the best services possible to their community. Multiyear funding and longer-term partnerships allow nonprofits to get off the ground and effectively provide services, it also gives the city more data to measure the success of these partnerships and services.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	I would work within the formal mechanism for ongoing collaboration to include discussions on decisions affecting community wellbeing, economic growth, and City planning. Working together as partners makes achieving these common goals much more efficient and effective thus it is imperative to build this partnership. It is not shocking but extremely disappointing that the nonprofit sector does not feel like they are partners with London especially when we share so many common goals.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	I believe the City and the nonprofit sector should be working as partners to accomplish our common goals. This would include sharing and helping develop the infrastructure that helps the nonprofit sector succeed.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	In this term I would like to build a strong partnership between nonprofits and the City of London. Success to me will be when the nonprofit sector feels that they are partners in the success of London not just recipients of London grants. In the near future I see the nonprofit sector playing a vital role in lowering costs and improving community wellbeing across London. I see additional nonprofit housing being necessary to bring down housing and rent costs. I see nonprofit community groups bringing mutual aid and affordable services to communities that improve their living conditions. It will take time to get from here to that point and so over this term I see success as setting up the infrastructure and relationships with nonprofits to make this vision a reality in following terms.

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Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	I have been a national nonprofit director for the last 3 years for a nonprofit called The Democratic Socialists of Canada. The DSC works to provide education, resources and assistance in tenant union organizing, labour union organizing, mutual aids, and advocacy. I value nonprofits above for-profit organizations because those who typically join a nonprofit care greatly for the work they do and for the community whom they help. I believe the crises we face only exist because they are areas where it isn't profitable. It isn't profitable to provide truly affordable housing, it is not profitable to provide mental health care, it is not profitable to save the environment. To me this only exemplifies the need for a strong nonprofit sector!
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes