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Question	Answer
Q6 — Biggest Challenges Facing the Sector & Actions Candidates Would Support	As the scope and burden of government has grown, the time and space left for individuals to contribute to non-profits (& charities) has shrunk. The economic reality is, families, young people and seniors are working harder than ever just to make ends meet, so there's nothing left at the end of the day to give back to the community. I've seen this firsthand in the charity I support with my time, a volunteer ambulance response service that traces its roots in London back to 1909. Our history includes community leaders like W. Peter Harding, Deputy Fire Chief, who led disaster and emergency response deployments during the Mississauga Train Derailment and 9/11. We see fewer and fewer civic leaders willing to be on the frontlines of our crises today. I'm running to change that, to be a leader with frontline knowledge who can help the most vulnerable achieve their dreams, while encouraging young people to get involved in giving back to their community. We can do that by lowering the cost of living and the municipal tax burden that's driving rents and mortgages to unaffordable levels. When we improve the economic reality for Londoners, they will have more to give to our non-profits and charities.
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 — Yes, however, I think the right model is a balance. Organizations can't plan or stay consistent in their service delivery if they're scrambling to find funding for the next 6 months or year. But funding locked in for so long that it outlives a term of Council is not accountable either, it forces future Councils to inherit commitments they never made. I'd support renewable multiple-year agreements, that balance both realities.
Q9 — Ensuring Nonprofits Are Included in Decision-Making	Again, I would like to see expertise of non-profits at the Agencies, Boards and Commissions level where decisions get made. Additionally, the City Hall process adds a significant burden for small organizations that don't have internal government relations expertise, or the resources to hire outside to navigate the process on their behalf.
Q10 — The City's Role in Supporting Nonprofit Infrastructure	The City's most useful role is getting out of the way of the people who'd otherwise have something to give. Every expansion of the municipal tax point is money that isn't going towards someone contributing towards being a bigger citizen in their community. Getting the municipal tax burden under control is the most direct thing City Hall can do to help the people who'd otherwise have something to give.
Q11 — The Nonprofit Sector's Role & What Success Looks Like	Success over the next four years looks like a city where the tax burden isn't growing the way it has for the past four years and here people get more of their own time and money back.

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Q12 — Other Priorities Candidates Wanted the Sector to Know	Refer to Question 7
Q14 — Commit to Engaging With & Supporting the Nonprofit Sector (Yes/No + Why)	Yes