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1. What are the top three issues facing your Ward?

Transportation and Roads
 Affordable Housing
 Taxes

2. What are the top three issues facing the city as a whole, if different from above?

Same but with an emphasis on Crime

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3. Urban Sprawl and Housing

- a. Do you support the concept of extending Transit-Oriented Development throughout the city, including in established neighbourhoods generally and in your ward? What is your stance on the proposed development at Dalhousie Station (in Varsity)?

I support the concept of transit-oriented development throughout the city.

- b. Are we facing a housing crisis in Calgary? If so, what should be done about it? If you are an incumbent, what have you specifically done about this?

Yes we are. More specifically, an affordable housing crisis. There are over 9,000 listings on the MLS currently but how many of these are 'affordable!?' We need to direct more energy and money to ensure more affordable housing units are built or designated immediately.

- c. Do you support legalization of secondary suites in all existing neighbourhoods, subject only to reasonable safety concerns? Why or why not?

Yes, I support them with certain guidelines. Each existing community should decide on their own if they would like to implement secondary suites.

- d. Do you believe that urban sprawl is a problem for the city? If you believe it is a problem, what will you do to address it? (If you are an incumbent, what have you already specifically done?) If you don't see it as a problem, please explain why.

Urban sprawl is a problem. I would like to encourage more development and/or redevelopment of our inner city and surrounding inner city especially those that can attract 'families' so that we create communities within these.

Calgary's land use per km is much higher than an urban

4. Transportation

- a. Has the City been doing a good job of addressing transportation needs? What, if anything, would you do differently?

Somewhat, as they have been slow to react to such a huge population surge.

I would like to re-visit the planning of the West leg of the C-train. It should really pass through Mount Royal College ~~or~~ by going E/W on 37th or 33rd.

- b. How often do you use public transit? Bus, C-train, or both?

I use it rarely. I walk or ride my bike except for large tasks.

My kids use transit quite a lot as they are teenagers.

We are not close to an L.R.T line, therefore we do not use it as often.

- c. Does our current transit system meet the needs of the city? If not, how specifically would you improve it?

Somewhat. It seems to depend on the ^{time of the} day! It seems overworked, overcrowded and needs more security at night.

I would put my energy into crime and cleanliness issues first and then work to make sure the expansion plans. -(more buses, more trains, longer platforms etc..) service the right areas and are as efficient as they can be

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- d. Are you in favour of the current strategic plan for transit? Why or why not? If not, what changes would you make?

In general yes, but I think new ideas should always be considered especially concerning the design of the West LRT line.

- e. The City's current plan does not envision direct C-Train service to either the airport or Mount Royal College. Would you favour amending the plan to reach these two destinations (both within close distance of planned lines)? Why or why not?

I would favour amending the plan firstly to go to MRC. I think it would be a huge oversight to not service the students and the surrounding commercial and proposed residential in the area.

The airport extension is important to be a world class city.

- f. Are there other areas of the city that are underserved by transit? How would you address this?

There are many areas, I would address this by working with the transportation department to resolve this on a priority basis.

5. Vibrant and sustainable communities

- a. What will you do to address homelessness and urban poverty in the city? (If you are an incumbent, what have you already specifically done?) If you don't see this as a problem, please explain why.

We need to define homelessness into — working poor and homeless, drug addicted and homeless, and the mentally ill and homeless. Then we must continue to work with the social agencies ^{and police} and direct more resources to them so that we can better service them. We need to get the working homeless into affordable housing, police the drug more and provide more resources and facilities for the mentally ill. The band-aid approach of providing hot meals and a place to stay at night is a well intentioned short term solution but we need results with permanent solutions.

- b. What is your stance on arts funding? Do you support the recent recommendations of the Calgary Arts Development Authority?

Arts funding is vital to Calgary and to Calgarians. Calgary needs to be recognized for many things (from AI to hockey) but we cannot overlook the importance of the arts. I am a strong supporter of the arts.

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- e. What is your stance on the city's curbside recycling plan? Would you extend the plan to include recycling of organics and plastics? Why or why not?

I support a curbside recycling plan but we need to look at ways to address the costs. Private sector solutions might be the way to go here.

I would support the inclusion of organics and plastics as they are important components of a successful and broad recycling plan.

- d. What other environmental initiatives, if any, would you favour?

I would support the elimination of the cosmetic use of Pesticides

- e. What will you do to address crime and safety issues in Calgary? (If you are an incumbent, what have you already specifically done?) If you don't see this as a problem, please explain why.

I will work closely with the Calgary Police Assoc. and Union to make sure they have adequate resources they need to specifically tackle crime and work on safety issues. I am a believer of the 'Broken Window' concept. I would like to look more closely at a two-tier police system to free up officers for more time to

6. Taxes and Revenues address crime.

- a. Does the current system of funding municipal government largely through property taxes work well? If not, what changes would you recommend? Somewhat. We need continued pressure at the Provincial and Federal level to for more funding for infrastructure and community facilities
- b. Is there enough money in the system currently to fund your priorities? If now, how will you fund them?

I will have to examine this once I am elected

7. Political reform.

- a. Does the current system of campaign financing work well? If not, what changes would you favour?

Yes. Although more disclosure would be welcome and perhaps a cap on donation amounts from individuals and businesses

- b. In the absence of rules around disbursement of campaign surpluses, what will you do with any leftover funds?

I would look at using it for my next campaign or donating it to a charity or sports program within my Ward.

- c. Are there any other structural reforms you would favour?

More transparency and accountability from City Hall.

- 8. FOR INCUMBENTS ONLY:** What are your three major accomplishments this term? Of what are you most proud?

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