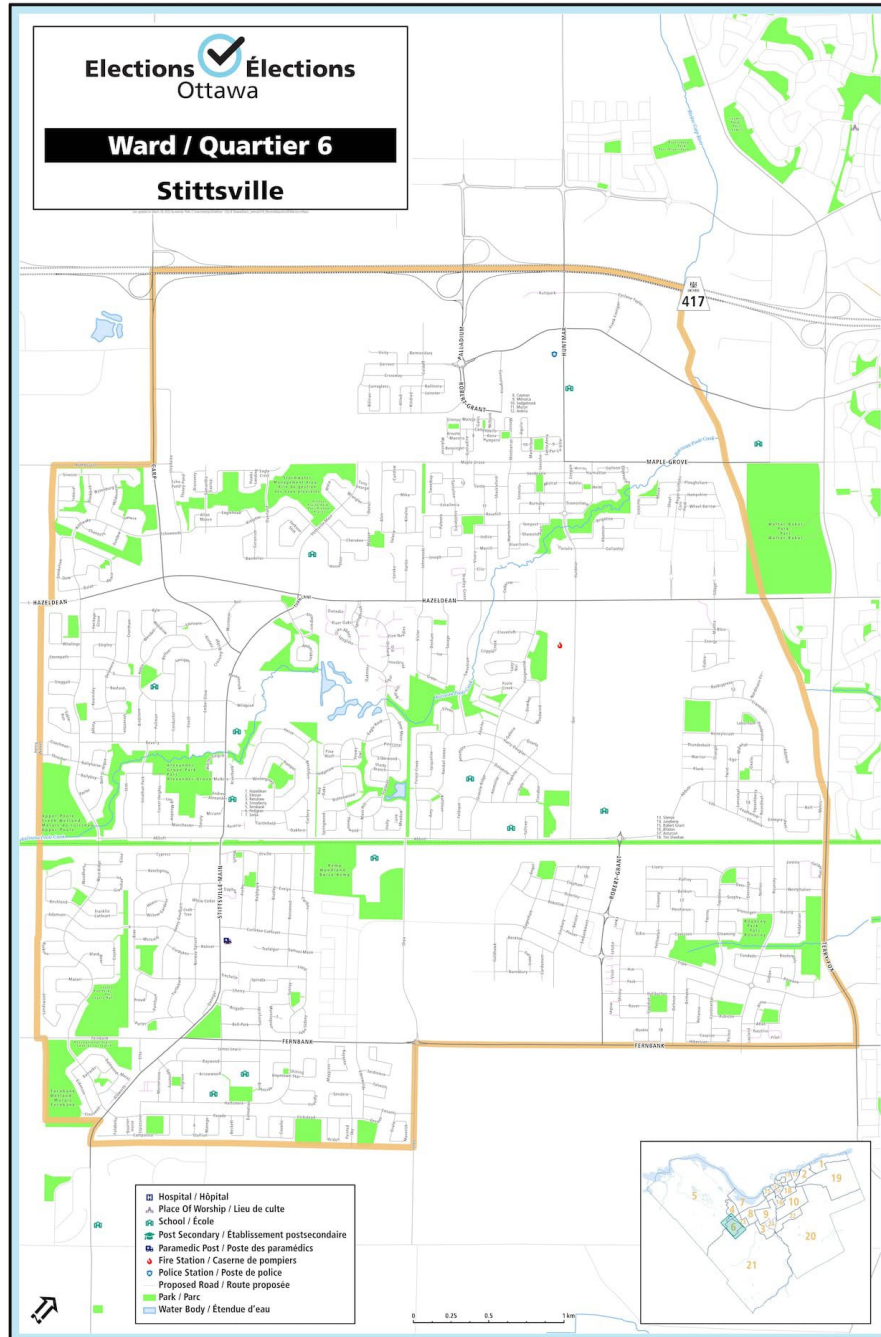


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1) *What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and the violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?*

The City must take a clear, public stand that antisemitism and violent antizionism have no place in Ottawa. This starts with City Council adopting a formal resolution condemning antisemitism and affirming the right of Jewish residents to live, worship, and participate in civic life without fear. The City should also expand security funding for synagogues, Jewish schools, and community centers, and work with Ottawa Police to increase patrols during high risk periods. Beyond enforcement, we need education. The City should partner with the Jewish Federation to deliver antisemitism awareness training for City staff, Councillors, and community leaders so that hate is recognized early and addressed decisively.

2) *Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?*

When public events cross into intimidation, hate, or support for terrorism, the City must act swiftly and without hesitation. First, permits for events on public property should include clear conditions that prohibit hate speech, incitement to violence, and support for designated terrorist organizations. Any violation should result in immediate shutdown

of the event and revocation of future permit eligibility. Second, the City must work closely with Ottawa Police to ensure rapid response when threats emerge, including the authority to disperse crowds that pose a danger to public safety. Third, individuals who engage in hate motivated violence or intimidation on City property should face the full force of the law, and the City should support prosecutions under the Criminal Code. Public safety is not negotiable, and Ottawa must send a clear message that hate will not be tolerated in our public spaces.

3) *Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism? Please share how you will accomplish this.*

Yes, I will work directly with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to equip City agencies and programs to recognize, prevent, and respond to antisemitism. My approach has three parts. First, I will advocate for mandatory antisemitism awareness training for all City staff, Councillors, and community program leaders, developed in partnership with the Jewish Federation and the Canadian Jewish Political Affairs Committee. Second, I will push for a clear reporting mechanism within City Hall so that residents and staff can report antisemitic incidents quickly and confidentially, with a guaranteed response timeline. Third, I will support the creation of a City wide advisory group on antisemitism that includes the Jewish Federation, other Jewish organizations, and civic leaders to review policies, monitor trends, and recommend improvements on an ongoing basis. Accountability and partnership are key, and I am committed to making this a priority from day one.

4) *Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?*

Yes, I will oppose efforts to bring BDS measures or similar international political campaigns into City of Ottawa politics. Municipal government should focus on local services, infrastructure, and community safety, not on advancing foreign political agendas that divide our community and target Jewish residents based on their real or perceived connection to Israel. BDS campaigns have the effect of singling out and marginalizing Jewish Ottawans, and they undermine the inclusive civic environment we all depend on. I believe City Council should remain neutral on international political disputes and reject any motion that would adopt BDS or related measures.

Thank you again for your leadership and for giving me the opportunity to share my views. I stand with Ottawa's Jewish community in the fight against antisemitism, and I am committed to ensuring that Jewish families feel safe, represented, and included in the civic life of our city.



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Thank you for the opportunity to respond. On this anniversary of October 7, I want Jewish families in Ottawa to hear clearly that you are not alone, and that City Hall should never leave you feeling that way.

1) What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and the violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?

The City controls the public spaces where Jewish residents should feel safest: parks, libraries, recreation centres, transit and City Hall itself. It must name antisemitism specifically, not hide it under general language about hate. When Jewish residents are harassed, excluded or threatened because of their identity or their real or perceived connection to Israel, that is antisemitism, and the City must treat it that way.

In practice, I will push for antisemitic incidents to be tracked and reported separately and publicly every year, so the scale of the problem can't be minimized. I will make sure our Community Police Officer has a working relationship with every Jewish institution serving Ward 6 families. I will publicly recognize Jewish holidays and Jewish community life, as I have throughout this campaign. Visibility matters: a community that is told it belongs is harder to push out of public life.

2) Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?

Peaceful protest is a right. Intimidation, threats and glorifying terrorism are not. When an event on City property crosses that line, the City should act, not wait.

I support Ottawa's bubble zone bylaw, and I will help every eligible Jewish synagogue, school and community facility serving Ward 6 apply for a safe access zone. The City should also use the tools it already controls: permit conditions on City property, active bylaw enforcement, and close coordination with Ottawa Police so that criminal conduct, including threats and support for listed terrorist organizations, is documented and referred for charges. Residents should never see hate go unanswered on their own City's property.

3) Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond

effectively to antisemitism? Please share how you will accomplish this.

Yes. Antisemitism has distinct forms, including the targeting of Jews through their connection to Israel, and front-line staff can't respond to what they haven't been trained to recognize.

I will work with the Federation to push for antisemitism-specific training for the City staff residents meet most: bylaw officers, library and recreation staff, and OC Transpo. My own office staff will complete that training first. I will invite the Federation to the regular table of faith and community leaders I will hold in Ward 6, so you are consulted before decisions are made, not after. And I will ask for a yearly public report-back on antisemitic incidents and the City's response, so we can measure whether things are actually getting better.

4) Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?

Yes. City Council's job is roads, transit, safety and services for every resident. It is not a platform for foreign policy campaigns, and BDS measures targeting Israel have no place at City Hall. These campaigns don't change anything abroad, but they do divide neighbours at home and leave Jewish residents feeling singled out in their own city. I will vote against them.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of Ottawa's Jewish community. I would welcome the chance if any, to meet with you and community members.



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1) *What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and the violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?*

Thanks for reaching out and for your questions. I always appreciate hearing from people who are invested in making sure the city is a safe, inclusive and supportive place for everyone.

I think it's important for councillors to be visible by acknowledging Jewish observances through a combination of civic recognition and workplace accommodation, greetings, recognizing the contributions of Ottawa's Jewish community, attending events as appropriate and otherwise acknowledging the importance of presence as a civic leader. I would participate as councillor.

Regarding addressing antisemitism in our city, it's first important to acknowledge how widely and frequently the Jewish community is targeted. Incidents like the recent shooting in Belleville obviously garner coverage, but most don't reach the news. Ottawa is not immune to the targeting of Jewish people, symbols and events, and I support the city working with Jewish organizations to address security concerns, police presence or other public safety measures during High Holidays or other times when synagogues and Jewish community events see high attendance. This could also include additional training addressing hate crimes and (possibly coded) antisemitic symbols, broader zero-tolerance policies, etc.

And of course, all acts of antisemitism must be responded to swiftly and thoroughly, whether that means addressing security in public spaces, removing graffiti, etc. While not specific to antisemitism, I've actually been fairly impressed with local response to hate crimes. For example, when the Stittsville Muslim Association was targeted the city and residents came together for a strong and visible rejection of that mentality. Similarly, when the Pride flag at the Goulbourn Museum was torn down and destroyed, the police response was fast, respectful, and of a scale that surpassed my expectations. Where I think we need to do more work is in collaborating more closely with Jewish people and organizations to ensure they are represented and having more input into anti-racism and anti-hate initiatives. As councillor, you can expect me to be open to input and to continue strengthening ties between the city and faith communities. More generally, I also support: Ensuring Jewish history and cultural resources are available via the Ottawa Public Library Ongoing inclusive hiring practices. Event/By-law

Streamlining: I have noted on multiple occasions that I support streamlining city services. In the context you've raised, this would include working with religious communities to facilitate permits, security measures, or noise exemptions for public celebrations whether here in Stittsville or in other areas of the city.

2) *Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?*

I am answering this questionnaire as a municipal election candidate, but I am also a licensed paralegal. The content of this question edges into territory that is beyond my professional scope so I am going to pass on offering specific steps.

3) *Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism? Please share how you will accomplish this.*

Yes, an initial meeting for introductions and learning, open communication and frequent check ins would be my general plan.

4) *Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?*

This question also delves into legal issues outside of my paralegal scope so I'm going to refrain from answering.



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1) *What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and the violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?*

Hate does not belong in Ottawa and in Canada as a whole. Ottawa's commitment must be clear and consistent: there is no place for antisemitism, racism, or any other form of

hate in our city. By strengthening existing bylaws, supporting law enforcement, investing in education, and building stronger community partnerships, Ottawa can continue to be a city where diversity is protected, inclusion is promoted, and every resident can live openly, safely, and with dignity.

2) *Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?*

Any demonstration where participants have expressed intimidation, hate and threats of public safety should have their permit revoked.

3) *Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism? Please share how you will accomplish this.*

It would be my honour to work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to help bring peace to all fellow Canadians. To start with I would review Special Events on City Streets By-law No. 2001-260 and related authorities to ensure demonstrations and events can occur safely while maintaining access to community institutions. Utilizing Noise By-law No. 2017-255 and other regulatory tools consistently to address disruptive conduct where appropriate. This will allow more efficient and effective ways of keeping residents safe.

4) *Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?*

I want Ottawa to be a city that brings people together, not one that imports overseas conflicts into local politics.

The government of Canada recognises the right of Israel to exist, not just to exist but to prosper and not live in fear. Canada also supports a two-state solution: I support Palestinian human rights and the human rights of every person regardless of cultural or religious identity.



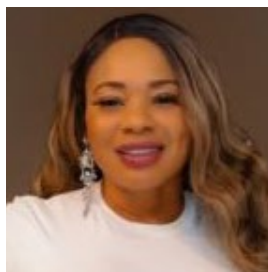
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1) *What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and the violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?*

Jewish families should feel safe attending school, practising their faith and participating openly in community life. As councillor, I would speak clearly against antisemitism and support practical measures to protect access to Jewish institutions, address antisemitic harassment in City facilities and remove hateful graffiti promptly. Political disagreement about Israel must never become an excuse to threaten Jewish residents, hold them collectively responsible or exclude them from public spaces.

2) *What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?*

Peaceful protest must be protected, and threats, violence and antisemitic intimidation must be taken seriously. I would support clear safety requirements for events on City property, coordination between municipal staff and police, and prompt action when those requirements are breached. Suspected criminal conduct, including threats or unlawful support for terrorist organizations, should be referred to police for investigation. As councillor, I would seek accountability for the City's response while respecting independent policing decisions.

3) *Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism?*

Yes. I would work with the Federation and Jewish residents to identify gaps in staff training, incident reporting and access to municipal services. I would advocate for training that addresses antisemitism specifically, including stereotypes, conspiracy theories and discrimination based on a person's real or perceived connection to Israel. I

would also seek clear procedures for reporting incidents, supporting affected residents and following up, so concerns lead to action.

4) Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?

I would oppose municipal BDS measures targeting Israel and efforts to exclude Jewish residents, organizations or businesses because of their real or perceived connection to Israel. City decisions should serve residents through fair, transparent and consistent policies. Ottawa's Jewish community should be able to participate fully in civic life without being required to answer for an international conflict or pass a political test.



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1) What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and the violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?

As Councillor, my responsibility would be to listen to Jewish residents and community organizations, take their concerns seriously, and work to ensure that municipal policies, public spaces and services protect their safety, dignity and equal participation in community life. I feel it is important to listen to the community to determine what they need to feel safe.

2) Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?

I would also expect the City to enforce its applicable rules consistently, regardless of the political cause or group involved. Where conduct violates the law or the conditions governing the use of public property, there should be meaningful accountability. Support for a terrorist organization or the celebration of violence should be assessed in its

specific context and against applicable law, rather than assuming every offensive statement is a criminal offence.

As Councillor, I would support clear procedures, appropriate enforcement and transparent communication with affected communities. Public spaces must remain places where people can exercise their rights without being subjected to threats, intimidation or violence.

3) *Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism? Please share how you will accomplish this.*

Yes. I would welcome the opportunity to work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and other Jewish community organizations to strengthen the City's ability to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism.

As Councillor, I would advocate for clear responsibilities, follow-through and accountability rather than treating this as a one-time initiative. The goal should be to ensure municipal staff and institutions have the knowledge, tools and relationships they need to respond appropriately and consistently.

4. *Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?*

I would oppose any effort to exclude, marginalize or treat Jewish residents differently because of their actual or perceived connection to Israel. Jewish residents must be able to participate fully in civic life without facing discrimination or being expected to answer for the actions of a foreign government.

As Councillor, I would listen to affected residents, work with community organizations and assess proposed measures on their merits, while ensuring that City resources and institutions are used fairly and consistently. Ottawa should be a city where people with different backgrounds and perspectives can participate safely and equally in community life.



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My name is Devin Michael Fitzgerald O'Brien and I am running for councillor in Stittsville. While my platform is mainly about building Stittsville's road infrastructure and libraries and community centers health hubs and stopping skyscrapers.

I do see the needs of faith communities as a foremost priority. I personally am Catholic and respect the Jewish faith which is in my faith the first half of the bible. We have shared values and beliefs. And my godfather was the archbishop Brendan O'Brien and I learned from him to respect and honour faith centers so in Devins Stittsville all faith groups and all faith centers would be protected.

I believe in freedom of expression at like a protest downtown. But not if it interrupts prayer activities and not if there are threats or harm.

As someone who read the book Anne Frank when I was a child and studied history and business in university and we did study the sadness of the holocaust. I believe some basic amount of sensitivity training should be required for public facing civil servants for the city to treat everyone equally.

I'm focused on potholes at the moment not divestments. I would like to make more friends from all faiths and imagine a Stittsville where everyone waves at their neighbours.

We remember the sad incident at the August 27, 2025, an elderly Jewish woman at the Jewish deli in Loblaws near Algonquin College and you know the next day I bought something from that deli to support their business because I care.

I go there a lot and buy their food to support them as I used to go to Algonquin college after I graduated from the University of Ottawa.

My friends who are Jewish say they are sad about October 7th and sad about the turmoil. Please continue to send letters.