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yes

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yes

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Q1. Increasingly, Jewish Ottawans are concerned about rising antisemitism. As a city councillor, will you advocate to ensure that antisemitism is included in all resources and training as an integral part of all municipal anti-racism programs?

Antisemitism is at an alarmingly high level and growing. I have made a point of ensuring that when I speak about the various forms of hate festering in our community that I am thoughtful and consistent about including antisemitism among those. It is important to me that this is also reflected in any materials and programs offered by the City of Ottawa.

Q2. How are you going to push back against antisemitism in all of its forms?

City councillors' chief tool in the fight against all forms of hate is their voice. I have used mine frequently and loudly when there have been incidents of antisemitism, and when addressing hate that may be in another form than antisemitism - such as misogyny, homophobia, anti-Black racism, Islamophobia, and others. I contextualize that hate as part of a larger problem in our society. I fully support our anti-racism strategy that calls out antisemitism as an issue. In what I hope may be a continuing role with the Police Services Board, I am also committed to ensuring that police treat antisemitic hate crimes seriously and expeditiously.

Q3. As with all at-risk communities, there are various times in the year when the Jewish community is required to hire extra security to protect our houses of worship and organizations. Will you support the use of paid duty officers to provide that needed security?

Antisemitism was a clear threat and thrust of this winter's occupation. Where heightened risk can be ascertained associated with protecting people's fundamental freedom to worship peacefully, the appropriate resources should be assigned. Our understanding of those risks has changed and broadened in the wake of January/February 2022.

Q4 . Are you in favour of continued funding for the Ottawa Police Services Hate Crimes unit?

The hate crimes unit performs work that almost all residents consider as critical. As we review the police budget to find savings by re-allocation of resources currently mis-spent on mental health and addictions response, I hope that Ottawa residents will see a higher level of service from the hate crimes unit.

Q5. The governments of both Canada and Ontario, as well as some municipalities, have adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism. Would you be supportive of Ottawa adopting this definition of antisemitism as well?

I believe that this should be a debate, but am not prepared to fully commit to this today.

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Tamir does invaluable work in our community. Where I can be of help in advocating for help in upgrading facili-

ties, I will be.

Q7. Food insecurity for seniors is on the rise. How will you support the city's ethnocultural (kosher/halal) meals on wheels and food bank programs to help address food insecurity for those who are most vulnerable?

The responsibility to support food security has fallen on municipalities and previous Councils have not provided adequate support. Recently, Council increased its community partnership funding to provide more help to agencies addressing food security, but we need to do more. All stakeholders in Ottawa should also be united in ensuring that the social programs that assist seniors and other vulnerable residents live with dignity are adequately funded. When programs such as old age security and disability benefits are underfunded to a very serious degree, it will be challenging for the municipal level of government to backstop those shortfalls.

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