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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?

Absolutely. No hesitation.

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

I will speak out and publicly call attention to the acts of antisemitism, denounce it and call on the greater community to do the same. I will reach out to Jewish organizations to offer support and to touch base and also speak to the Ottawa Police Services about their engagement on the matter as well.

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?

Yes, absolutely.

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

Yes, absolutely.

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?

Yes. (I read the information provided, via the link)

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If I can assist, I certainly will.

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?

City funding to various organizations will need to take in to account the ethnocultural needs and associated

costs. The City can also be a voice to champion the needs of the diverse population.



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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?

I believe the city needs to do more to improve upon all anti-racism programs, including anti semitism. If elected, I will work with all groups and stakeholders to improve programs

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

I will work with Council & stakeholders to ensure that we work towards a more inclusive environment.

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I believe that religious freedom is a beautiful thing we have in Canada and fully support special religious times & events having support of paid duty officers to provide additional security.

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

Yes and ensuring the unit is properly tasked & tooled.

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 would be supportive of having the Ottawa Jewish group stakeholders providing feedback and recommendations to council on whether to adopt or now. As someone who will hopefully be elected to council but does not identify with a Jewish religious group I feel I alone should not make that decision, but should rely on stakeholders.

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I believe that the city has numerous support groups and agencies in place, Tamir being one of them. I believe that the whole support services needs to have a full review done to ensure all programs & support groups are properly funded.

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We need to involve various stakeholders (including Ottawa Food Bank & their network) and donors to ensure what products we provide are as diverse as possible. By diverse, I mean able to serve various religious & dietary needs. For someone who is not kosher or halal, they can accept and enjoy kosher & halal. It is not the same in reverse. I believe that the food bank programs do a great job with the resources they have but that the city & community needs to do more. I commit to working with stakeholders on a path towards better food stability for all who need.



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Yes.

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

As a lifelong member of Ottawa's Jewish community (I attended both Hillel Academy and YRHS/OJCS), I would speak with a strong Jewish voice on council against antisemitism, spotlight the incredible work of our community, and make sure that Ottawa is well educated about the roots of antisemitism.

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Yes.

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This funding should continue while we freeze the police budget and move to reallocate responsibilities away from armed officers and towards experts in other fields, like mental health professionals, social workers, and more.

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While I understand that the IHRA definition has been adopted in several places, progressive organizations focused on peace in Israel and Palestine, including the Progressive Israel Network which includes organizations like the New Israel Fund and J Street, have indicated that codifying the IHRA definition has a strong potential for misuse. From my position, as a former Hillel Waterloo executive member and a lifelong member of the Ottawa Jewish community, I think that these groups have it right. The IHRA definition includes important language that helps understand antisemitism, as well as many useful examples. Unfortunately, it also has some examples which do risk wrongly equating what may be legitimate activities with antisemitism. I am sharing with you the statement from this collection of incredible and diverse groups that have come together as the Progressive Israel Network <https://www.progressiveisraelnetwork.org/progressive-israel-network-groups-oppose-codification-of-ihra-working-definition-of-antisemitism-citing-strong-potential-for-misuse/>

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Yes, Tamir's work is incredible and they need funding to upgrade their facilities.

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?

We need a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy including significant investments in non-profit and social housing so that people can afford to buy the food that they need. While we are working on eliminating poverty, the city should expand funding for all of our programs addressing food security and begin to meet the need that exists in our community. I recently visited the Caldwell Family Centre, where they are in desperate need of a new space to serve the need developing in the community. They have also received requests for Kosher food and are unable to keep up with demand for Halal. The city needs to fund a much larger portion of these operations (Caldwell says city support covers less than half of the portion of its expenses that it used to)