

Ward 23 • Kanata South *in alphabetical order*



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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?

Yes

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

Proactive education and communication to ensure our community knows antisemitism is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

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Yes

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

Yes

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

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Yes

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I will be happy to work with food security programs to ensure we proactively ensure culturally sensitive food is available for those who need it. I've previously worked towards this end in my work with the FAMSAC Food Cupboard.



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Yes absolutely

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

By speaking out singularly and collectively as a council assertively and with admonition

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Not without more information

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Of course. My campaign manager was the instrumental in the creation of the first Hate Crime Unit in Canada

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I would need more specific information

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This is about leadership and three levels of government



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Yes - training and education is very important approach to me as a councillor.

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

I will be a strong voice for the Jewish community in my ward and across all of Ottawa. I will speak out strongly against any forms of hate speech and antisemitic messages. I have zero tolerance for hate speech against any group. I am proud to say that the Kanata Small Business Network, a not-for-profit I founded in 2015, is represented by a diverse board that has members of all ethnic and religious backgrounds, including folks from the Jewish community.

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?

I am not sure how to approach the use of publicly funded security officers for houses of worship and organizations. I am very open to discuss how this might look once elected to council, whether this support be in the form of grants or physical resources. I am committed to looking at all solutions to help protect Jewish groups and spaces.

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

Yes. I think it's important to work with the province to tackle root causes of hate through education, awareness, and interfaith dialogue. The continued funding of the OPS Hate Crimes Units should be paired with a revised training program that better educates officers on distinguishing a hate crime from an assault, so that proper justice can be delivered.

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?

This is a complex legal matter that I believe needs to be deliberated at city hall following the election. I am open to listening and understanding more about this topic, specifically why it has not already been adopted by the city. Regardless of the outcome on this matter, I will continue to always advocate for the safety and well being of the Jewish community in Ottawa.

Q6. Tamir is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting developmentally disabled people and those with autism. Plans for upgrades and expanded services stalled due to COVID. Will you be an ally and

advocate for Tamir to receive help in upgrading their facilities?

I have spoken to many constituents in Kanata South, including folks from the Jewish community, who mentioned that they would like to have more local community programs for people with disabilities. I am open to bringing these types of services to where they are needed. I want to make sure that people in Kanata South do not need to travel far out of the ward to get the services they need for their children. I am open to discussing with Jewish service centers what services we can partner with and they can bring to Ward 23. It is important we can serve members of Jewish community where they live.

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?

As a former board director at the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre, which provides Meals on Wheels to seniors, I have seen the organizations already adopting changes to implement kosher/halal food choices and ethnocultural meals for our families. This had a very positive response from the community. In addition to this, during my time as a board director at the Kanata Food Cupboard, I advocated for kosher/halal food options to be made available to our location. I wish to continue to advocate for inclusive policies, and for funding resource centres adequately so they may deliver these critical services. I also hope to work hard to help establish more community gardens in Kanata South, so these programs may be sources with locally grown, organic, and nutritious food.

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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? As a city we must always work towards combatting all types of racism - including antisemitism. As a City Councillor, I will advocate to ensure that antisemitism is included in all resources and training as part of the city's anti-racism programs.

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

Pushing back against antisemitism and all of its forms can take on many actions and responses in our homes and personal lives, in our workplaces and school communities and certainly in our neighbourhoods and city. As an educator for over 20 years, I believe that we must individually take steps to educate ourselves about antisemitism and always take opportunities to engage with our Jewish friends and friends of different faiths in conversations about their true experiences and thinking surrounding antisemitism. It is always best to model

anti-racist behaviour and call it out, diplomatically. We should be avoiding anti-Jewish language, ending the perpetuation of Jewish stereotypes and speaking out against any antisemitic jokes or slurs. We must regularly review a variety of news sources for information and examples of antisemitism and respectfully communicate our dissatisfaction and continue to call it out. It is also important to commend leaders (including at a city level) when visible and vocal condemnation of antisemitism or actions to prevent its expression are taken.

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?

The Jewish community is considered an at-risk community - amongst many others. I am in support of the community hiring extra security to protect their houses of worship and their organizations and would work towards examining whether paid duty officers may be provided for additional security at various times during the year when needed.

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

Yes, I would like to see continued funding of the Ottawa Police Services Hate Crimes Unit. As a city and in co-operation with the OPS we should adopt zero tolerance for hate-motivated incidents and allow for the OPS to fully investigate any report that is filed. I strongly believe in eliminating hate crimes from our communities with the support of the OPS.

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 would be supportive of Ottawa adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA's) definition of antisemitism as both the Federal and Provincial governments have done so along with some municipalities.

Q6. Tamir is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting developmentally disabled people and those with autism. Plans for upgrades and expanded services stalled due to COVID. Will you be an ally and advocate for Tamir to receive help in upgrading their facilities?

As an educator for over 20 year who has worked in many school sites where students with developmental delays and autism need a variety of services, especially after they age out of our school system, I am in favour of seeing non-profit organizations like Tamir continue to do great work in our community and be supported. Knowing that Tamir is a Jewish community open to all and they are dedicated to providing a variety of assistance and programs, I am an ally and I will advocate for Tamir to continue on with plans for expanding services and potentially facility upgrades that were stalled due to COVID.

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?

Providing a variety of ethnocultural (for example vegetarian, kosher and halal meals) is important to various communities across our city. We know food insecurity for seniors is on the rise as it is for a variety of vulnerable communities. Providing nutritious meals and good food is critical and a basic requirement and I would support the city's programs (like Meals on Wheels and the Food Bank programs) to help address food insecurity for our most vulnerable by continuing to advocate for a variety of ethnocultural meals, strengthening partnership within our communities and identifying more partners to collectively provide these much needed services to our community members as well as promoting food sharing programs to reduce food waste so that sustainable solutions are considered.