

Ward 4 • Kanata North

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, of course.

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

It is against the law to discriminate based on any religion. Our legal powers as a country, province and city address perpetrators of hate crimes. More understanding of all other cultures and religions can be achieved with education. Separate schools only create further segregation. So, I would encourage inclusive practices in all areas of society.

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?

Where there are known threats, the City adds extra officers to patrol and protect. I have always supported that and will in future.

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

Definitely.

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

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?

Maybe. I would have to learn more about it. It might put me in a conflict of interest if I sit on Planning Committee. You might not want that.

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

If additional funding is required, budget time is when those conversations take place. Prior to budget, collaborations with the many food supply organizations might help address inefficiencies in the sector that already exist. I support out City task forces that try to encourage groups to work together to be more efficient.

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