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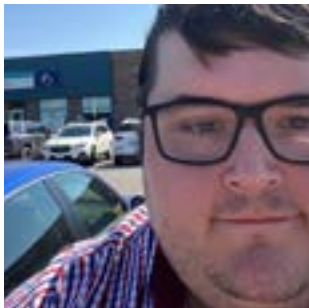
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Q1. Increasingly, Jewish Ottawans are concerned about rising antisemitism. As a city councillor, will you advocate to ensure that antisemitism is included in all resources and training as an integral part of all municipal anti-racism programs?

I absolutely will, Antisemitism has no place in our society. We must work together to build an inclusive and welcoming community for everyone and I will work tirelessly to advocate for this.

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

I will work with various levels of government and local agencies to ensure that the disciplinary action taken towards those that commit these hate crimes is severe and that we work with our various school partners, company leaders, labour boards, etc to ensure that everyone receives the necessary training and tools to ensure that inclusivity is a normal part of our every day lives.

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 think if any group feels that a situation or event could potentially take a turn for the worst that we offer our assistance with uniformed police officers to be present and supporting the event organizers with increased safety measures.

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

I've spoken on debates in regards to the police budget and I definitely believe the overall budget needs to be retooled, We need to put more funding towards social services and we need to of course continue to fight the hate crimes that are so negatively impacting the lives of our residents.

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?

Absolutely

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?

In my past I’ve had the incredible privilege of volunteering with the developmentally disabled and those with autism, I will always be an ally and an advocate helping in any way I can!

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?

I certainly feel that we should always be offering food options in our food assistance programs that are consistent with the needs of those requiring gluten free options, sugar free options, Cultural requirements such as kosher and halal, etc. I will work with our city staff and our counterparts to ensure that we are offering financial assistance for this to happen/continue to happen.



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Yes. Of course.

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If re-elected, I absolutely will continue to work with my City Council colleagues and community stakeholders, especially the Jewish community, to ensure that all citizens feel safe in their city. Our Community Safety and Well Being Plan and our Anti-Racism Strategy were created to promote respect for diversity in all its aspects.

I will continue to support city policies that address reducing hate crimes as I did while a member of the Community and Protective Services Committee. With rising rates of hate crimes, we will need to work to ensure the OPS Hate and Bias Crime Unit has the resources it needs to properly investigate hate crimes.

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This will need to be examined case by case but I am open to this.

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Yes. There is at least one in my ward.

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This is not in the city's mandate but I support these agencies in providing kosher/halal meals to those in need.