

September 29, 2026

**Re: Political Party Questionnaire**

Dear Candidates,

On October 24, British Columbians will vote to determine the future of their province. While voters look to their political leaders to address their concerns with economic uncertainty, affordability, and access to quality services, Jewish British Columbians face additional challenges.

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), along with more than 39 community organizations and the Jewish Federation of British Columbia (JFBC), advocate on behalf of the more than 40,000 Jewish community members who call this province home.

To ensure that the community has access to all the resources to vote, we are proudly launching our BC Election Hub at [cija.ca/bc\\_election\\_hub\\_2026](https://cija.ca/bc_election_hub_2026). We would also like to give you the opportunity to directly address Jewish British Columbians by providing a written response to the following questions:

1. According to a JFBC survey from 2025, nearly two-thirds (61 percent) of community members reported experiencing at least one antisemitic incident. What actions would you take to ensure accountability for hate and restore a sense of safety for Jewish British Columbians?
2. Jewish institutions across Metro Vancouver pay more than \$200,000 per month on security, taking resources away from frontline services for children, families, seniors, and vulnerable persons. If elected, how would your government partner with communities to ensure that they do not bear the full costs of hate?
3. Like many communities, our partner organizations aim to provide quality services to our members, including the most vulnerable in our community. They are experiencing higher demand for housing, counselling, food security, seniors' services, and support for families in poverty, while facing budgetary pressures and economic uncertainty. What will you do to empower organizations to provide these culturally appropriate supports when they are most needed?

We will post your answers on our BC Election Hub as we receive them. To ensure that our community can see your response before advance voting begins, please provide it to us by Wednesday, October 12.

Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss community priorities.

Warmest Regards,



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