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Here's what was received.

CBC Hamilton election candidate questionnaire:

We want to make sure eligible voters know about your top priorities.

We have kept our questionnaire short and simple as we recognize how busy a time it is for you.

There are two open-ended questions and a series of Y/N questions that follow. It should take **no more than 15- 25 minutes** of your time.

To be included in our coverage, please fill out the questionnaire no later than **Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, 11:59 p.m.**

Section 1: About you

Section 2: Short answer questions (2)

Section 3: Y/N questions

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Name *

Craig Cassar

Ward 12*

Age *

47

Pronouns: he/him

Is your main residence in your ward? Yes

Occupation

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Supply Chain Director

Have you run for Hamilton council before? *

No

If you have run for any political office before, can you provide more detail on where/when/what role?

Are you a current councillor? *

Yes

No

Do you identify as BIPOC?

No

Do you identify as part of an equity-deserving group?

No

If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please explain.

Short Answer Questions

Describe one pressing issue facing your ward, and what would you do about it if elected? Is your approach new? (Max 1200 characters)

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Growing traffic volume and dangerous streets are a concern for nearly everyone. Residents' lives are at risk on our streets. Current street design prioritizes motorized vehicles at the expense of the safety of our citizens when they are pedestrians and cyclists. There is a lack of contiguous, protected bike lanes within and between neighbourhoods and greatly inadequate public transportation in ward 12. There has been no meaningful effort on this topic by the previous councillor. The actions I will take are:

- 1) Support Vision Zero and fully support the staff-recommended Complete Liveable Better Streets plan in Ward 12 and throughout the city, and ensure that modifications are implemented with urgency and efficiency. Modifications to our street design will enable residents at all stages of life and mobility to move effortlessly and safely and to thrive in flourishing, safe, and inclusive neighbourhoods.
- 2) Collaborate with neighbourhoods to understand their concerns about traffic and speeding and find solutions together
- 3) Find creative ways to grow demand and supply of public transportation in Ward 12 at hubs like Redeemer University, the village core, and the Meadowlands

Please name (up to) three policies you would put forward or support if elected. (Max 1200 characters)

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I will work to ensure development practices throughout Ancaster blend new buildings into our neighbourhoods. In the village core, we must respect the Ancaster Wilson Street Secondary Plan and honour architectural heritage while redeveloping in ways that enhance the lives of residents.

I support the City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan and will work tirelessly to support its mandate of decarbonizing industry, transportation and buildings in Hamilton. I also support the recent decision to create a funded, Climate Change office to lead the City's efforts in this area.

I support a frozen urban boundary so that the City may: preserve farmland and our natural heritage; prevent further increases in GHG emissions associated with urban sprawl; prevent the inevitable tax increases to constituents needed to support the construction and maintenance of additional sprawl infrastructure. The frozen boundary also enables intensification opportunities - particularly along the LRT route - which creates increased tax revenue per hectare, attracts new business, creates opportunities for affordable housing and enables development of vibrant, walkable communities.

Y/N Questions

Should the city re-erect the John A. Macdonald statue?

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No

Do you support freezing the city's urban boundary?

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Yes

Do you support the dismantling of encampments by police and the city?

No

Should the city expand the Red Hill Valley Parkway?

No

Are the city and police taking hate crimes seriously enough?

No

Would you support a return to an indoor masking policy?

Undecided

Would you like to see the LRT be operated by the city?

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Yes

Are you accepting campaign donations from developers?

No

City council has agreed to look into the decriminalization of drugs as a solution to the opioid crisis.

Do you support a move toward decriminalization of drugs?

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Yes

Would you support a safe injection site in your ward?

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Yes

Does your ward have enough bike lanes?

No

Should Hamilton eliminate the area rating?

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Yes

Do you support shifting funding from the police budget towards social services/agencies?

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Yes

Do you support converting Main Street to two-way?

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Yes

Is the city doing enough to fight climate change?

No

The Haudenosaunee Development Institute recently said the city should consult with them on all public works projects. Do you agree?

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Yes