

1. What makes you think you are qualified to run as a councillor?

Being self-employed for 11 years made me understand the issues and frustration of a small business owner. To give a voice to small business owner's issues I want to be the part of the city council. I know my extensive knowledge in finance and running a successful business make me an ideal candidate to provide reasonable, responsible and non-partisan decisions paving the way to a better profitable and sustainable community not just for today but for next 7 generations. (The next 7 generations refers to the First Nation's long term thinking when it comes to ancestors and the future.)

2. What Skills do you bring to the council if elected?

I am approachable, hardworking, passionate and determined, this makes me an ideal candidate. Being a Business owner taught me how to be conservative with finance which is much need with lots of city projects right now.

3. In your opinion, what do you think is the most positive thing that has happened in Surrey recently that makes you proud to live in here?

I am proud that Surrey is becoming a more multicultural city. I feel proud looking at different ethnic people working together to build, improve, grow and make Surrey beautiful every day. I came to Surrey few years back; the support and love I received made me Surrey my permanent home. Building homes for homeless people is a great example of City, Government, business and non-profit companies working together making Surrey safe and affordable for everyone.

4. Are you committed to a strong city centre and the creation of a vibrant downtown core? What is your strategy and commitment to business – arts – culture – technology and community in downtown Surrey?

Downtown is the Heart of a city. I am and will always be strongly committed to make City Centre built with adequate infrastructure and making City Centre cost effective, which ultimately brings in more Businesses – Art – Culture – Technology and community in one place.

Being an art lover I will make sure that the capital art projects e.g moving the art centre to downtown and development of more performing art centres to attract and expand the art and culture in the core downtown, It's important we give our City core an advance urban look. So that our future generation will develop the love of art, the same as they have for technology. I will work with the city to make city website more user friendly so that anyone can easily operate and understand it. I want local under age citizens to have afterschool programs when it comes to expanding arts and technology, this will definitely add to our economic wealth and future.

5. The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association had advocated for the past 5 years for a professionally managed purpose built shelter in Surrey. What is your commitment to have this project move forward?

As a Councillor, I stand beside the Surrey Business Improvement Association for professionally managed, purpose built, shelters in Surrey. I strongly believe it is much need and strong idea to provide purpose built shelter.

6. What do you see as the top five issues facing Surrey?

- Youth Development/ programs to ensure we minimize crime
- Housing affordability/ availability to ensure that we have clean cities and reduce crime
- Accessible Transit to ensure the smooth movement of people at the most affordable prices.
- Public safety / Crime control / Safety education
- More Hospitals and Doctors / easy access to healthcare/ Health Support/ More education for Health Development and healthy life style

7. We know there is always a debate between perception and reality. Everyone wants a safe place to live and do business. What is your strategy for the root causes of crime?

I strongly believe that we need to educate the residents more about being victim of crime and how to avoid that. The local crime prevention programs that Surrey has certainly educated some people, the education can be made digital and more accessible to all people for crime reduction. Educating residents about their rights and where to go for help if need will add to bringing the crime rate down.

It's wise to create more youth and child development programs, by education them about healthy and safe life style, this education can be centered around prevention and inclusion of programs sponsored by local businesses and the city.

When our youth and families are educated, it will reduce the chance to self-medicate with drug or violence issue, a caring city can create caring citizens and families. We need to provide people of Surrey with more family support and development programs, then get the message out that these exist. It's best we target the most vulnerable and move up with this bottom up approach. Although there are strict rules surrounding hand guns in place through the RCMP, We need to make the penalties for the illegal hand guns and educate current owner on how to secure them and keep them safe properly.

8. Do you support childcare space in private developments?

Yes we need more and affordable childcare system to give parents/single parents financial relief. Our child care system should be more affordable and easily accessible that any parent in need of relief so they can leave the child at a child care anytime of the day. The way this can happen is if we mandate childcares spaces in private developments. Being a parent I understand that sometimes parents need these kinds of healthy reliefs.

9. How should request for decreased amenity space in new residential or mixed used developments (both in door and outdoor) be addressed by the City?

Parks and outdoor recreational spaces are much need now a days when our lives are becoming more tech savvy. City needs to work hand in hand with developers to develop community that have healthier life styles. Keeping our "City or Parks" motto is imperative.

10. The temporary modular housing is scheduled to be removed from the locations in Downtown Surrey in two years. Do you support the City's housing strategy that moves people from the

current temporary housing into supportive housing throughout the City? If not, what is your solution?

Every human has the right to live and prosper properly in a safe environment, coupled with education and community support. It would be great if this became a Right and Freedom in our Canadian charter of rights and freedoms. Our City developed these module housing programs so that they can be moved to vacant land once development is approved. Although this is a short term solution, the City needs a permanent solution/system in place for everyone to have accessible mental health program, education and recovery facilities. We want produce educated and healthy present and future generations.

11. How would make Council decisions more transparent?

Asking for residents opinion for major or minor projects with help making council's decisions more transparent. A bottom approach to governance needs to be shown to work. The Bottom down approach often causes citizens to be disheartened and disillusioned. Of course we will proceed with the mandate of the individuals who elected the council, strive to make the tough decisions once we have explored the effects of each decision and pick the wisest outcome. We need to Investigate and act on complaints. Engaging community groups and broadly discussing the issue. It would be wise to get the local companies involved in sharing the education so that the maximum involvement of our citizens can be realized.

12. What do you think is priority for public transit South of the Fraser? What do you support?

I support SkyTrain as it was the original plan 20-30 years ago from Downtown Vancouver to Langley. The king George station is even angled and aligned with Fraser HWY because of expectation that SkyTrain would eventually be extended to Langley. Even most of the surveys show that 89% residents are in favour of SkyTrain.