

Asad Syed
Council Candidate

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

I am living in Surrey Last 24 years with my family my three kids grown up here. I have seen great deal of changes in Surrey increasing population increasing issues and no proactive approach by current council and Mayor to solve the issues common citizens facing, I have plans and great passion to bring change and provide relief to common citizens my desire, experience and passion for public service qualify me to run as councilor.

2. What skills do you bring to Council if you are elected?

I am an Entrepreneur and self-employed realtor know the problems people facing with housing, rental housing, homelessness taxes and transportation have ideas can bring better solutions of the problems.

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?

Not much positive things except un planned development with no infrastructure growing population and high cost of living and a disconnect city Hall only serving special interests groups. But I love Surrey and diversity this city offers make me proud to live here .

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?

Yes I am committed a strong city center and creating vibrant Downtown core – My strategy to encourage businesses to move in extending incentives like finding ways to reduce their overheads, rents and some tax relief so they can survive. Promote arts and culture to attract more visitors which will bring good cash flow.

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

The population of Surrey increasing, cost of living almost double income remains same low-income families and individual cannot Buy or rent the home as a result homelessness increasing and a purpose-built shelter is needed. My idea is to restructure current CSDC (City of Surrey Development corporation) to Affordable and Social Housing Development corporation. This corporation will build Affordable, social housing projects for low income families including purpose-built Shelters, Coop housing, Apartment and town houses and economical detached Houses. My Goal eliminate homelessness four years term if elected.

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

Safety and security, Affordable and social Housing, Homelessness, Transportation and Transparency in City Hall

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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 to deal with the root causes of crime?

I will try to encourage bring local regional and old-fashioned police department more involved in community, increase more undercover officers and police presence, encourage citizens for block watch programs, parent's involvement for youth crimes and many more.

8. Do you support child care space in private developments?

Yes I do

9. How should requests for decreased amenity space in new residential or mixed-use developments (both indoor and outdoor) be addressed by the City?

In my opinion Developers and Builders be responsible to provide more amenity space in development City need to make regulation and strict legislation.

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?

They will have to move in better place my idea will be to move into acreages near city like in Cloverdale or south surrey where the can live and do farming and become productive citizens.

11. How would you make Council decisions more transparent?

The councilor and Mayor must declare details of properties and assets they own anywhere in Canada before taking oath, Conflict of interests legislation need to pass, personnel relationships with Builders and Developers need to ban during term of office.

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

Sky Train as sky train ends at King George Station continue from there .