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## NSBA questionnaire for 2020 Civic Election Candidates

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### 2020 Civic Election Mayoral and Council Candidates Questions

*Many questions are Yes or No answers. Please elaborate where appropriate.*

1. Candidate Name  
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2. Email Address (for follow up only)  
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3. Ward/Constituency  
Ward 3
4. What do you envision the city's role to be in economic development?  
I am looking forward to the City's recovery plan to enhance employment opportunities.
5. How can the City help businesses survive through the COVID pandemic?  
Making sure our businesses continually open to the public. How can we do that in the middle of a pandemic? We need to be proactive in dealing with the pandemic. We should advertise and support our local businesses by buying locally own.
6. Crime and Safety are key election issues. What is your plan to address these concerns, including your position on defunding the police?  
Crime and safety is one big issue for our community. We need a strong council to address that issue. That's why I am running. I want to be that person. Defunding the police won't solve the problem. This is the time we need them to be visible. With the help of the different community organizations, we can all work together to tackle the problem.
7. What are your priorities for major capital projects in Saskatoon?  
Recovery park is one thing I am looking forward to seeing in full operation.
8. Do you share the concerns many residents and businesses have regarding increased taxes and user fees?  
We need to examine property taxes and look for ways to make sure the system is equitable and fair and find ways to save money for homeowners.  
  
Yes    **OR**    No
9. What steps would you recommend the City take to curb or mitigate rising operational costs?





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We need to ensure we invest to public services that our community needs. We need to improve city infrastructure projects by ending the use of P3s and create more local jobs by enacting policies that award projects to companies that employ local people and pay a living wage.

- 10.** If necessary, would you support any initiatives City Management may take to freeze or even reduce staffing levels?

I need to look into this issue more closely before I could say yes or no.

Yes **OR** No

- 11.** How do you believe that the City should spend COVID-19 relief money provided by the provincial or federal government? Do you believe that relief money should be spent in the area for which it is specified (e.g. infrastructure, etc.)? Yes

Yes **OR** No

- 12.** Do you believe the decision regarding the Main Library funding/debt should be revisited?

Yes, I fully support the building of the new library because my primary goal is to ensure our community will have the public services they deserve.

Yes **OR** No

- 13.** What is your No. 1 concern/election platform?

My no. 1 concern is affordability. We have encountered a lot of challenges given the reality of COVID-19. People are feeling more stressed and uncertain about their future. I will work hard to bring a fresh approach and fresh ideas to develop an effective recovery plan for the City of Saskatoon. I will explore ways to make our City more attractive to businesses, which will enhance employment opportunities.

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Thank you

