



# CITY OF MELBOURNE ELECTIONS 2008

## CANDIDATES QUESTIONNAIRE

If insufficient room is provided to explain your position, attach further documentation. Please number any attachments in line with the question number in this survey form.

**Questions 1, 2 and 3 refer to your overall vision for Kensington**

**1. If elected, what priorities/benefits would you bring to the City of Melbourne and the community of Kensington?**

**Response:**

Implement an effective differential rating system which makes resident's rates affordable and lowers the proportion of Council's spending paid for by local residents.

**2. What is your vision for development within Kensington, and what steps will you take towards achieving that vision?**

**Response:**

Arising from local community consultation, prioritise community facilities and infrastructure to promote and enhance the growth of an active citizenship amongst the diverse population of the Kensington community.

**3. What are your intentions towards developing and enhancing the community of Kensington?**

**Response:**

Council should not act arbitrarily and impose development on Kensington (or any other residential part of Melbourne). Rather it must engage the residents of each area, promote active citizenship and work with the community to plan development consistent with local needs and wishes. In addition, I would restore council wards to ensure councillors are directly connected with their community by either living or working in the community which they represent; this way councillors are able to experience issues first hand.

**The remaining questions relate to current Kensington issues**

**Please indicate your position on the following topics. Space to write comments is provided at the end of each issue list.**

<p><b>4. East-West Road Tunnel:</b> The Eddington Report recommends an East-West Road Tunnel that would have a significant impact on Kensington; either through the location of an exit portal, or as a staging area for works, in our largest and most established park. The following</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Other *</p>
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questions relate to your position on various aspects of this issue.			
a. Will you actively defend the use of JJ Holland Park for the road tunnel portal?	√		
b. Will you actively oppose the use of JJ Holland Park as a staging ground for works?	√		
c. Will you actively oppose negative impacts on Kensington from the proposed freeway exit near the corner of Dynon Rd and Kensington Rd?	√		
<p>* Additional comments here:</p> <p><b>Parkland is for the people, especially families, and this must be a priority regardless of other works. Alienation of parkland must be stopped.</b></p> <p><b>Traffication measures and road planning must always account for the impact on local residents and their community. Sometimes central planning bodies become preoccupied by some ill defined notion of “the greater good” and use it as an excuse to ignore local residents and communities. A critical role of elected representatives is to fight to ensure notions of “public good” actually reflect the needs and wants of local residents and communities.</b></p>			
<p><b>5. Kensington Traffic and Transport:</b> Since the opening of CityLink, Kensington has seen increasing peak-hour traffic, as well as heavy vehicles (often illegally) using the three main roads to avoid tolls. Increasing trains using the Craigieburn line cross Kensington’s rail-road intersection. The following questions relate to your position on various aspects of this traffic and transport in Kensington.</p>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Other *</b>
a. Will you actively support the development of a comprehensive traffic management plan for Kensington (including Kensington, Epsom and Macaulay Roads)?	√		
b. Specifically will you actively campaign for the reintroduction of the 24 hour ban on heavy commercial vehicles (i.e. over 4.5 tonne gross) using Macaulay Rd between Epsom Rd and Boundary Rd	√		
c. Also, will you actively work towards increasing Childers St traffic calming, thereby addressing “rat-running” problems through the new Lloyd St industrial estate?	√		
d. Will you commit to actively support Council’s existing opposition to the Airport Rail Link being located on the Broadmeadows line?	?		More info – what are the alternatives?
e. Will you actively support and encourage the development and use of cycling initiatives in the City of Melbourne, including Kensington?	√		
f. Will you support the rebuilding of the Arden St footbridge over the Craigieburn railway line to enhance its suitability for pedestrians and cyclists?	√		
g. Will you fix the problems for cyclists created by the new traffic lights at the corner of Lloyd St & Arden St, and	√		

prioritise bicycles and pedestrians at this busy intersection?			
h. Will you take steps to increase appropriate public transport throughout the City of Melbourne, including Kensington?	√		
* Additional comments here:			
<b>6. The Community of Kensington:</b> Residents of Kensington are proud of, and highly value the friendly, public-spirited, village-like community of our suburb. Many factors contribute to this atmosphere. The following questions relate to various factors that impact our community spirit.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Other *</b>
a. Will you commit to retain the Kensington Boundary Transition Committee until at least June 2009?	√		
b. Will you actively support the Doutta Galla Health Service being retained and expanded within Kensington?	√		
c. Will you support enhancement of local parks in the Kensington area including development of under utilised sites (eg Eastwood Street and Moonee Ponds Creek) and continued enhancement of facilities in existing local parks (eg Skinny Park/Bellair St Reserve, Bayswater Rd, JJ Holland Park etc )	√		
d. Will you support continuing Council support for local community and sporting organisations?	√		
e. Will you support initiatives that encourage increased aged and social accommodation within Melbourne?	√		
* Additional comments here:			
<p>7. Will you support initiatives to enhance local businesses? If so, what priorities do you envisage?</p> <p><b>Council has a key role to play for local small businesses especially micro businesses employing fewer than 5 people, many of which are home based sole traders. In conjunction with the State Office of small business there are a range of seminars and training supports that can be delivered to local business. Promotion and facilitation of links and networks between similar categories of local small business for sharing ideas or combining for business opportunities is an obvious area for Council as part of local economic development. It is important that businesses dealing with Council are paid on time. This discipline (targeted at small business particularly) should have a requirement that invoices be paid within 30 days or the council suffer a financial penalty paralleled with greater officer accountability for meeting this policy.</b></p>			

8. What mechanisms will you initiate to ensure consultation with the residents of Kensington as part of the Councils decision-making process?

**I strongly believe that Council should establish and support broad based local community consultative committees which should be openly consulted on all matters affecting their local community as well as key issues impacting across Melbourne. A Council established and supported Kensington Community Consultative Committee would be part of my plan.**

**We need to restore council wards which represent local residents and communities across Melbourne. My own preference is 3 - 4 multi member wards (3 councillors per ward) elected by proportional representation to ensure the best possible voice for the cross section of residents that make up our City. This will help ensure real consultation with residents not only in Kensington but across the City.**

*Thank you for completing the survey. If you have any other comments please feel free to attach them.*

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Do your responses commit any other candidates standing with you in the election? If so please name them.

**This is what Residents Equity – Affordable Resident Rates team, stands for**

Please note. For your response to be included in our advice to residents, we must receive your signed and dated response by no later than

***5 PM on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 2008.***

***The Association's advisory panel will meet that evening and late responses will not be able to be considered. – "note this was deemed o.k. by phone with the residents association."***

**Responses may be either posted or faxed.**

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