

Calgary 2025 candidate survey

Response Summary

01 Your name

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02 Do you support citywide rezoning?

Yes

No

03 Based on your experience, rank these issues based on importance to your voters.

- 1 Citywide rezoning
- 2 Housing
- 3 Property taxes
- 4 Infrastructure
- 5 Better public transit
- 6 Public safety
- 7 Affordability
- 8 Parks and open spaces
- 9 Roads
- 10 City hall transparency

04 Do you support the use of property tax dollars for the downtown office-to-residential conversions? Why or why not?

Yes. Our downtown office vacancy is hovering around 27% right now. In order to address housing, rising property taxes, commercial vacancy and taxes we can use these spaces to work towards addressing all these issues with the dt office conversions.

05 Do you believe the City of Calgary has a climate plan that will cost \$87 billion in city tax dollars to implement?

Yes

No

06 When was the last time you participated in a city council meeting in person?

I have attended one council meeting, it was in 2021.

07 What role should the City of Calgary play in dealing with mental health and addiction?

While we need to partner with provincial and federal governments, the city is the front-line to the effects of our mental health and addictions crisis and should play a leading role in providing a solution. And the solution is housing, with wrap around services including mental health and addiction support, legal and health care support. Not only does this move people from living on the street into steady housing, but has the fiscal benefit of being cheaper than what we are doing now. Providing housing for those that are suffering is both the right thing to do, and the fiscally prudent thing to do.

08 When you are making promises at the doors, are you informing voters on where the money will come from or what you will cut to make it happen?

Yes.

No.

09 Statement: The City of Calgary should continue building new communities on its outer fringe. Agree or disagree and why?

Agree, Current communities that are being built now should continue, however we should not begin building new communities nor absorbing more land from the Foothills. Along with continuing the build of communities currently under construction, we need to refocus building inner city communities with gentle density - along lines of transportation and infrastructure that already exists and can be improved. This is how we protect community vibrancy and address the housing crisis we are in. Lots of people want to live along Calgary's outer fringes, and lots of people (who cant afford to) want to live in established communities. We CAN build both and we CAN solve the housing crisis. We CAN do this if we have a council and Ward 13 Councillor who wants to actually build relationships and get things done.

10 More, less or the same?

	MORE	LESS	SAME
Bike lanes			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transit frequency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Pothole fixes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Public engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Density	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Police officers			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Fire service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

11 Choose the option that best represents your position on property taxes.

Increase by population growth + inflation.

Property tax cut.

Increase by inflation only.

Fluctuate year to year based on needs.

No clue.

12 What's the best alignment option for the downtown portion of Calgary's Green Line?

Elevated line.

✓ **Below ground.**

Whatever way the province will fund.

No downtown Green Line

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What role should the City of Calgary play, if any, in ensuring there is adequate, affordable starter housing stock, or rentals available for young Calgarians?

The city should certainly play a role to make it easier to build housing that young Calgarians can afford. This includes updated the blanket rezoning bylaw (not repealing it and not leaving it as is) to prioritize density where it is appropriate. This means we should ensure that density is built where there is good transit or the option to have good transit, and where the infrastructure (water, sewage, utilities) exist to provide for density. By having a forward thinking housing policy across the city, by ensuring builders with a history of building well-built homes can get faster approvals, we can cut red tape and provide more homes, faster. This is how we address the overall housing crisis while ensuring there is increased supply that is affordable for young Calgarians.

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On a scale from 1 to 5 (5 being of utmost importance), please rank the pursuit of these initiatives.

	1	2	3	4	5
Airport to DT rail	✓				
Green Line north	✓				
Olympics-like event		✓			
Net zero emissions by 2035			✓		
High speed rail to Edmonton				✓	
Prairie Economic Gateway				✓	
Foothills Multisport Fieldhouse	✓				
Calgary to Banff rail		✓			
West Village creosote remediation			✓		
Regional rail transit		✓			

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What would you do to improve the City of Calgary's public engagement?

I have heard from a lot of people in Ward 13 about the lack of engagement and communication. In my opinion the first priority is about communication from the Councillor Office. Regular updates about votes, motions, and decisions I make that are easily viewed and understood by people in Ward 13. As well, I would like to try hosting regular touch points throughout the communities again, although I recognize how busy people are. A third option is just to have regular direct mail campaigns to give updates, and how to provide feedback throughout the term.