

Calgary 2025 candidate survey

Response Summary

01

Your name

John Garden

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Do you support citywide rezoning?

Yes

✓

No

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

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Property taxes

2

Public safety

3

Infrastructure

4

Roads

5

Better public transit

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Housing

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Affordability

8

Citywide rezoning

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City hall transparency

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Parks and open spaces

04

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

No. The buildings are corporately owned, not municipally. There should not be municipal subsidies for conversion of office buildings to corporations. Thoughtful development of office conversions has to consider the safety of children who will be living there and where they would play.

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

Yes

✓

No

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

I haven't participated in City Council in person

Participant Information

Name

John Garden

Location

Canada

Unknown

Type

Mobile Device

Platform

IOS 18.6

Agent

iPhone

Source

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

The city needs to cooperate with federal, provincial and other municipalities. Open communication is needed to ensure facilities and support is consistent at all levels of government.

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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.

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

I agree. With current and projected growth of our population, legacy infrastructure cannot handle the strain and engineered planning in greenfield developments is needed. Greenfield development will address green spaces, schools, transit, roads and infrastructure. Urban sprawl is a concern, however, engineered planning and development is needed.

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More, less or the same?

	MORE	LESS	SAME
Bike lanes		✓	
Transit frequency	✓		
Pothole fixes	✓		
Public engagement	✓		
Density	✓		
Parks	✓		
Police officers	✓		
Trees	✓		
Fire service	✓		

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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.

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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 needs to reduce the administrative barriers for permitting and construction of new homes and rental units. The city cannot and should not own rental properties, but can provide assistance to not for profits that have the capacity and experience to manage rental properties. In new developments, developers should be mandated to build a percentage of affordable starter homes for purchase by first time buyers.

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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?

Residents will be contacted door to door on local projects that affect them and their neighbourhood. Concerns will be addressed and listened to. Larger projects require councillors to notify residents and hold town halls where concerns can be voiced and brought forward to council on the whole. Council needs to listen and be held accountable to their ward residents for decisions made in their behalf.