

Calgary 2025 candidate survey

Response Summary

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Your name

Sarah Elder

Participant Information

Name

Sarah Elder

Location

Canada

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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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Citywide rezoning

2

Public safety

3

Property taxes

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Affordability

5

Parks and open spaces

6

Infrastructure

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Roads

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Better public transit

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City hall transparency

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Housing

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

No. If the market conditions exist to create convert office spaces to residential units, the private sector will make the investment.

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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?

My last visit to watch a council meeting in person was on September 9, 2025.

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

Mental health and addictions is the responsibility of the provincial government however I believe the City of Calgary can advocate and work in conjunction with other levels of government to deliver funding, awareness and services.

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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 would prefer to see the City of Calgary focus its efforts on density in and around transit stations like the Westbrook CTrain station while also thoughtfully considering new areas for development while also repealing and replacing blanket rezoning.

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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.

✓ Other: My platform includes starting discussions on eliminating residential property taxes in favour of other more fair taxation.

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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?

Housing is the jurisdiction of the provincial government. My approach is working with the province, federal government and private sector to ensure we have the right number of homes, in the right areas and at a range of price points.

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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?

The City of Calgary's public engagement strategy needs a complete overhaul. As Mayor, I am committed to engaging regularly with Calgarians in public spaces and at City Hall to make sure I am not disconnected from the public like the current Mayor and City Council.