



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

Bulletin

Prior to the CoM elections MSYRG Asked 3 Questions of ALL CoM candidates

Q 1: Have you, or will you, accept donations for the coming election from (a) property developers or their representatives and (b) those involved in a liquor or gaming business?

Q 2: No later than 16th October will you publish details of all donations received by or promised to you in Dockland News/CBD News/Southbank News using their email address-www.hyperlocalnews.com.au

Q 3: What will you do to keep residents better informed and their interests protected?

Here are the replies MSYRG received from four of the successful candidates.

Text highlighted indicates no replies were received

The Leadership Team

Team Sally Capp: Lord Mayor: CAPP Sally & Deputy Lord Mayor: REECE Nicolas

Team Sally Capp contacted MSYRG about replying to questionnaire but there was a mix-up about the deadline so no reply was received

The 9 Councillors elected

Bring Back Melbourne: LIU Philip Le,

The Greens LEPPERT Rohan & Olivia Ball

Team Arron Wood: CHANG Jason

Labour for Melbourne: GRIFFITHS Davydd

Back to Business: DOIDGE Elizabeth

Team Hakim – Local Independent : HAKIM Jamal

Team Sally Capp: LOUEY Kevin & CAMPBELL Roshena

Replies received from 4 of the Successful Candidates

BRING BACK MELBOURNE

Answers from Councillor: Philip Le Liu

Philip Li Liu answered on 14th October

Q 1: Have you, or will you, accept donations for the coming election from (a) property developers or their representatives and (b) those involved in a liquor or gaming business?

Ans: We have not accepted donations from developers. We are paying for the campaigns ourselves and with support of our families. As our Lord Mayor candidate owns a small business that involves liquor, the team will be taking donations from the hospitality industry. We have no intention to take any from the gaming industry.

Q 2: No later than 16th October will you publish details of all donations received by or promised to you in Dockland News/CBD News/Southbank News using their email address-admin@hyperlocalnews.com.au.

Ans: More than happy to. We are paying for our own campaign and will update our donations when we can

Q 3: What will you do to keep residents better informed and their interests protected?

Ans: Our policies include:

* No rate increase for the next 4 years. No penalties for late payment and an extra 30% discount for those who pay on time. In addition, a new "Your Rates, Your Choice" program where when residents can have the option of choosing where 50% of your rates can be invested and used.

* A \$300 digital "Thank you Voucher" for residents that can only be spent with participating small businesses within the City and a "Get to know your city" lesson funded by council to learn about the history of Melbourne.

* Urgent action to tackle mental health issues through a massive outreach program across Melbourne with a dedicated taskforce. Free mental health care packages and sessions online for all residents and students

* More investment and funding for resident and community groups to connect online through a new digital online platform, this platform will also allow residents to ask for key information they want from their council.

THE GREENS

Councillors Rohan Leppert, Olivia Ball

Apsara Sabaratnam & Rohan Leppert answered on behalf of all GREENS candidates by email on 4th October

Q 1; Have you, or will you, accept donations for the coming election from :(a) property developers or their representatives and (b) those involved in a liquor or gaming business?

Ans: We have never accepted donations from property developers or their representatives, from those involved in liquor or gaming businesses, and we never will. We believe that donations to councillors and council candidates from all persons with an interest in property development, liquor and gaming should be banned outright. One only needs to look at the Casey City Council experience, or the inability of the City of Melbourne to adopt a planning scheme amendment to update the City of Melbourne's local gaming policy, to show the toxic influence of developer and gambling donations on public policy.

Q 2: No later than 16th October will you publish details of all donations received by or promised to you in Dockland News/CBD News/Southbank News using their email address

ANS: We have been updating our donations on our own website every four days since we launched our campaign. We also instantly provide these updates to Hyperlocal News. We appear to be the only team to be self-publishing our campaign donations and disclosing our total campaign revenue, including donations below the disclosure threshold

Our disclosures are at <https://melbournecitygreens.com/campaignfinance>

We will continue to advocate for donations reform including the requirement for dynamic pre-election donations disclosure on all candidates running for election.

Q3: What will you do to keep residents better informed and their interests protected?

Ans: We are proud of our track record of improving resident access and influence on Council decisions, particularly in planning and heritage. Cr Rohan Leppert commissioned the South Yarra Heritage Review, which is currently underway, and he ensured that the Melbourne South Yarra Group had early access to understand and influence the scope of the project and the consultant's work. When Heritage Victoria refused Council's plans for refurbished sports facilities and a new Pasley Street North entrance to Fawkner Park, we accepted the umpire's decision and went further: Cr Rohan Leppert commissioned a full review of the way Council manages parks that have been added to the State heritage register within the last decade. Clearly Council can do better, and draw on the expertise and knowledge of local residents

We will continue to seek to improve engagement with residents: major policy decisions can't be put on the Council agenda with only five days' notice; they require a serious community consultation plan. We also need a Lord Mayor and Councillors who are prepared to have difficult conversations with the State Government and its agencies to ensure that community interests are respected: we can do better on Metro Tunnel disruption, Domain Road shopping strip support, and notice for on-street infrastructure works. But most of all we encourage South Yarra residents to ask: who lives in the City of Melbourne, and who will work hard for residents? All of our Greens candidates are residents of the City of Melbourne. No other team running both a Leadership and Councillor ticket can say that. A vote for The Greens means a vote for hard-working, honest, accountable local residents. We will fight every day for the interests of residents. Together we can plan and secure a better future—for the people who live here. You can see our full plan for South Yarra and the City of Melbourne, and contact me and our local resident candidates, at www.melbournecitygreens.com.

TEAM ARRON WOOD

Answers from Councillor Jason Chang

Jason Chang answered by email on 1st October

Q 1; Have you, or will you, accept donations for the coming election from :(a) property developers or their representatives (b) those involved in a liquor or gaming business?

Ans: NO and NO

Q 2: No later than 16th October will you publish details of all donations received by or promised to you in Dockland News/CBD News/Southbank News using their email address

Ans: YES and Team Arron Wood was one of only 2 teams to date to publish our donations as required.

Q3: What will you do to keep residents better informed and their interests protected?

Ans: We'll regularly attend residents' association meetings to hear directly from residents. We'll push for all annual plan initiatives and major projects to be published, publicly available on our website and status

regularly updated so ratepayers can track Council Annual Plan delivery. Our Mayoral candidate Arron Wood was behind the initiative to live stream Council and FMC meetings and further transparency measures will be considered as the new Town Hall meeting room is completed. We'll make sure residents are informed through multiple mediums of development applications that may impact their amenity to ensure participation in the planning process. We'll seek to amplify resident input into the 4-year Council plan and each annual plan and budget process by providing a longer and more open consultation process.

No Replies received from these successful Candidates

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ALSO.....

MSYRG asked candidates to publish their donation details, prior to the election on www.hyperlocalnews.com.au

Councillors Rohan Leppert, Olivia Ball and Jason Chang did so.

Mayor Sally Capp and Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece did not.

Councillors Kevin Louey, Davydd Griffiths, Roshena Campbell, Philip Le Liu and Jamal Hakam and Elizabeth Mary Doidge did not.

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