Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Maribyrnong City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Sheoak Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	CASANOVA, Ari

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (maximum 50 words)

I want to see a revitalised Footscray, with upgraded and accessible footpaths, more native trees, and activation of our many vacant properties. I will fiercly advocate for more public and affordable housing, and additional outreach workers to support community members experiencing issues with alcohol and other drugs.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor? *Provide details (maximum 50 words)*

Through my experiences leaving home at 15 and living in social housing, I began fighting for social fairness and better opportunities for others struggling in our community. I co-designed a Queer drop-in space with Speak Australia, volunteer with Reaching Out Inner-West, and have been extensively involved in unions.

Have you read the current Council Plan for the council named above?	Yes
Have you read the current Councillor Code of Conduct for the council named above?	Yes
Are you endorsed by a registered political party? Note: Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002. If yes, provide the name of the registered political party.	No
Are you currently a Councillor?	No
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office?	
Note: Council meetings means Council meetings referred to in section 61 of the Local Government Act 2020 but does not include meetings held for which a Councillor has been granted leave from attending by the Council.	

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