

# Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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<b>COUNCIL</b>	Greater Bendigo City Council 2024
<b>WARD</b> (if applicable)	Kennington Ward
<b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper)	HICKS, Gavin

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)*  
 As your council representative I will push for more affordable housing and public transport as well as safe accessible bike lanes and pedestrian paths. Renewable energy solutions are also of importance to Bendigo's future. It is vital that we don't shy away from local issues; we must tackle them directly.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?  
*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*  
 Having previously worked as a secondary school teacher as well as support worker for NDIS clients, I know how to listen and be compassionate. These attributes are paramount in the role of Councillor, as well as considering the needs of others and giving them the respect to speak freely.

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? <small><b>Note:</b> Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002.</small> If yes, provide the name of the registered political party.	Yes  <b>Australian Greens</b>
Are you currently a Councillor?	No
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? <small><b>Note:</b> 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.</small>	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> My phone number is 0481080331 and my email address is grwhicks@yahoo.com.au. I also have a campaign page on Facebook that I use to communicate with the community where I can be reached and check it regularly.	

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