

# Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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<b>COUNCIL</b>	Darebin City Council 2024
<b>WARD</b> (if applicable)	North East Ward
<b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper)	LAITALA, Nina

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)  
 Darebin is a connected, resilient and caring community that celebrates all residents for the diversity they bring. Local neighbourhoods thrive with the services and shops they need close by to reduce traffic to big shopping centres. Biodiversity and green spaces are nurtured and all residents can access affordable renewable energy.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?  
*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*  
 I bring nearly seven years experience as a CEO of a NFP organisation with a strong track record of implementing successful financial and strategic plans. My expertise in governance and my experience in community engagement and development give me an excellent mix of skills and attributes for a Councillor.

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.        If yes, provide the name of the registered political party.</small>	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>	nina.laitala@vic.greens.org.au phone number: 0494108488

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