

Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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| COUNCIL | Yarra City Council 2024 |
| WARD (if applicable) | Melba Ward |
| CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper) | HOVENGA, Karen |

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)
 Thanks to Greens on council, Yarra leads the way on climate action and social justice. In challenging times, and with the right leadership, Yarra can become a place where people from all backgrounds can afford to live a good life with beautiful public spaces, thriving culture and excellent local services.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?
Provide details (maximum 50 words)
 As a sustainability engineer, I understand how important it is to put people and the planet first. My work as a community advocate brings me valuable insights into how councils function. I've learnt how to listen closely, negotiate with others and value every contribution to achieve positive outcomes.

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| 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>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.</small> | Yes |
| Are you currently a Councillor? | No |
| If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? <small>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.</small> | |
| What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> I can be contacted on 0425 167 685 or reach out at karen.hovenga@vic.greens.org.au More information and links to my socials are at greens.org.au/karen-hovenga | |

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