## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Merri-bek City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Brunswick West Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	SVENSSON, Ella

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

Everyone should have what they need to thrive, not just survive – council plays an important role in achieving this. With your help, we can build an inclusive, sustainable future for Merribek with a people-first, community-driven approach to council decision-making.

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

As a psychologist, I understand how to listen, connect, and advocate for people. I know how to navigate complex issues, manage difficult situations, and work collaboratively with people of all backgrounds. I'll bring all these skills to the role of councillor, where I'll put the needs of our community first.

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.  Australian Greens	Yes
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.	

What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? Provide details

You can learn more about me at https://greens.org.au/vic/person/ella-svensson, or get in touch via ella.svensson@vic.greens.org.au

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