Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Melbourne City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Councillors
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	GAO, Judy

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

My vision for the City of Melbourne Council is to making Melbourne a leading global city that is resilient, connected, and future-ready, fostering a vibrant, inclusive resident and business community where sustainability, innovation, and cultural diversity thrive. I aim to enhance public events, support local businesses, and ensure transparent governance.

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

With experience on various international boards plus an industry state re-elected councillor role, I bring strategic vision and multicultural intelligence to the table. My expertise in multicultural communication and engagement, plus my background as an international student, equips me to enhance Melbourne's global connections and local support systems effectively.

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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