## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Merri-bek City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Pentridge Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	SAKA, Suzan

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)* My vision is for a safe, welcoming Merri-bek where a diversity of cultures and faiths are celebrated, our streets and green spaces are kept beautiful, and people of all ages and abilities can thrive. I'm committed to making sure the Council listens to and delivers on our community's real needs.

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

I'm a feminist, union member and community leader passionate about standing up for what's right. Having lived and worked in Merri-bek for 17 years, I'm deeply engaged with the issues affecting this area and as an experienced outreach worker, I have the skills to advocate for and empower our community.

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.	Yes
Australian Labor Party	
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)? <i>Provide details</i> suzan4merribek@gmail.com or 0466 055 227	

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