

# Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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<b>COUNCIL</b>	Darebin City Council 2024
<b>WARD</b> (if applicable)	West Ward
<b>CANDIDATE'S NAME</b> (as on ballot paper)	BHATHAL, Alex

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)  
 Darebin City Council needs massive change in its governance - I want a Council led by active local residents of integrity who will vote to protect the heritage of our suburbs and maintain Council services and facilities in public hands. I want clean streets, waterways and more services for our community.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?  
*Provide details (maximum 50 words)*  
 I am active local resident, having lived in Darebin for close to 40 years. I am a registered company director with 40 years' experience in governance and community-led management. I am a former National Director of the Australian Association of Social Workers and the current President of Darebin Sustainability Institute.

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>	No
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> alexbhathal@gmail.com, alexbhathal.com, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Alex.Bhathal.Australia/">https://www.facebook.com/Alex.Bhathal.Australia/</a>	

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