## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Merri-bek City Council 2024	
WARD (if applicable)	Djirri-Djirri Ward	
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	KODDIPPULI ARACHCHIGE, Wickrama	

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)*Victorian Socialists don't hide behind the lie that local government is only about road

Victorian Socialists don't hide behind the lie that local government is only about roads, rates and rubbish. I'll fight for a local government that will stand up to the state and federal government and demand policies that put the public before corporate profits.

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

I'm committed to standing up for the community. First of all that means I want to listen to you. I'll always answer my phone to residents and community groups and campaign to make sure your voice is heard.

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.  Victorian Socialists	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* wikrama.koddippuli@victoriansocialists.org.au

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