## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Moonee Valley City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Myrnong Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	GALLAGHER, James

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)*In a wealthy country like Australia, everyone should have the chance to live a decent life – but

In a wealthy country like Australia, everyone should have the chance to live a decent life – but many at the bottom are being left behind. Councils have a responsibility to tackle urgent issues like the destruction of public housing, rising rents, and the cost of living.

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

I've been a community organiser for many years. I've been involved in campaigns against racism, for refugees' and workers' rights, and for environmental action. In recent times, I've campaigned in solidarity with the people of Palestine.

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

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