## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Melton City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Stringybark Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	NAGARAJ, Sushma

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)* My vision for Melton is to create a thriving community by improving infrastructure, enhancing services, and boosting connectivity. I'm committed to advocating for change, harnessing our diversity to build a stronger, more inclusive municipality where every resident feels supported and proud to call home.

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

With over 12 years in local government, I bring firsthand experience from roles in early years, community development, and economic development. My extensive knowledge and proven ability to empower both businesses and communities make me well-equipped to serve effectively as a Councilor.

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? <b>Note:</b> <i>Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002.</i> 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.	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> sushma4melton@gmail.com	

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