Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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| COUNCIL | Monash City Council 2024 |
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| WARD (if applicable) | Gardiners Creek Ward |
| CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper) | DE SILVA, Anjalee |

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (maximum 50 words)

I have been a strong, progressive, independent voice on Council, championing transparent, accessible, and responsive local government. Monash should be a leading Council providing better basics such as green spaces, footpaths, bike paths, seating, childcare, libraries, and waste collection while remaining the Council with the lowest average rates in Melbourne.

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

I am an experienced and trusted sitting independent Councillor, having represented Mount Waverley Ward since 2020. A legal academic at Melbourne Law School (PhD) and former solicitor, I have 15 years' experience in public and private law. I have extensive policy experience in areas impacting on women and girls.

| Have you read the current Council Plan for the council named above? | Yes |
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| 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. | No |
| Are you currently a Councillor? | Yes |
| 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. | >90% |

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

I can be contacted by email at reelectanj@hotmail.com and by phone at 0494 188 865. My Facebook page is www.facebook.com/anjdesilva and Instagram profile is www.instagram.com/anjdesilva

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