

Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Melbourne City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Councillors
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	SAITO, Asako

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)
 I want to see our city thrive. We need a Council that is forward-thinking, inclusive and accountable. My top priorities are to protect community spaces, increase affordable housing, and ensure public safety. I want to help our residents, visitors and businesses flourish.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?
Provide details (maximum 50 words)
 Attributes: curious, compassionate, collaborative, creative, multilingual, multicultural, driven, patient. Expertise: 5 languages, intercultural relations, stakeholder engagement, public and not-for-profit sector governance, community leadership and volunteering, advocacy for workers rights and reducing violence against women, visual and performing arts, classical music, teaching for adults and at tertiary-level.

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>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.</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>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.</small>	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> You can contact me via our website www.participate.today or email participate@stj.simplelogin.com	

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