Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Banyule City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Ibbott Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	HIRST, Marty

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)* Victorian Socialists reject the conservative idea that local government is only about roads, rates and rubbish. I'll fight for an active, democratic, and socially progressive Banyule City Council 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 am a semi-retired journalist and communication specialist with vast experience in corporate affairs, public service and the not-for-profit sector. I am an avid walker and cyclist and I'm an artist who is active in the community. My background means I am capable of managing the complexities of local government

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.	Yes
Victorian Socialists	
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> martin.hirst@victoriansocialists.org.au	

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