

2021 Election: City of Sydney Council

## Lord Mayoral candidate key position statements

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### Snapshot of your key platforms

Our independent team has provided progressive, stable and corruption-free governance for our City since 2004. Our strong financial management has enabled delivery of an extensive capital works program, whilst keeping rates amongst the lowest in metropolitan Sydney, and we provide free rates to pensioners. We have delivered world-class pools and community facilities, cycleways and an additional 24 hectares of open space.

We have upgraded over 200 parks and playgrounds and planted 15,000 street trees, making us one of the only metropolitan councils in the country to increase tree canopy over the last decade. Action on climate change has been, and will continue to be, a key priority.

We committed in 2008 to reduce our emissions by 70% by 2030 and achieved that goal last year, nine years early. Our operations are powered by 100% renewable electricity and we have targeted net-zero emissions by 2035. We will continue to work toward a Covid-safe economic recovery, supporting especially business, creatives and our vulnerable communities.

Our other priorities include increasing affordable and social housing in the city, breathing life into the night time and cultural sectors post-lockouts and lockdowns and our \$1.7 billion public works and greening plan. Our work in transforming Sydney is vital and ongoing and we ask for your continuing support.

## COMMUNITY

### Q1 GLEBE/FOREST LODGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

#### ***What are your plans to provide us with a genuine centre for community activities?***

I am committed to ensuring the City continues to provide important community services from the Glebe Library and Customer Service Centre, as well as the Peter Forsyth Auditorium, Glebe Town Hall, Harold Park Community Space, St Helen's Community Centre, Franklyn Park Community Space, the Booter Centre, and Benledi House.

## GLEBE COMMUNITY STRATEGY & FUNDING

#### ***Q2 Do you support Council reviewing the Community Strategy?***

The Community Strategic Plan is due for renewal and I look forward to undertaking a review in close partnership with our local community. This plan has helped us transform the City to build a fair and just city of villages that supports and protects vulnerable and disadvantaged people, promotes social inclusion, and social connectedness

#### ***Q3 Do you support a review of the current CoS grant model to fund targeted community organisations?***

I strongly support a review of the current City grant model, which Council agreed to earlier this year. I look forward to hearing the views of the community when we consult them.

## ENVIRONMENT

### BLACKWATTLE BAY OVERDEVELOPMENT

#### **Q4 Are you for or against the State Government's current plans for Blackwattle Bay development?**

Against. The scale of the proposal, which could allow towers of up to 45 storeys, will wall-off the peninsula from Glebe, and there is a lack of affordable housing at a mere five per cent – on mostly government-owned land!

#### **Q5 If you are against the overdevelopment are you committed to actively oppose and change it?**

Yes. Pyrmont is already densely populated, and any development has to respect existing residential amenity, be sensitive to the character of this historic suburb, and bring clear public benefits which should include the conservation and re-opening of the Glebe Island Bridge. City staff are now undertaking a design review of the proposal, identifying the many improvements that could be made to provide real and lasting benefit – to the Pyrmont community, and to Sydney as a whole. I plan to meet with the community again about that work early next year.

#### **Q6 WENTWORTH PARK**

##### **6.1 Is this an important issue for you?**

It is critical that Wentworth Park be returned in its entirety for community use as open green space at the end of the current lease term for the school. I strongly support the return of the track area to the public and have called on the NSW Government to make a firm commitment to the entire Park to the community and stop the cruel practice of greyhound racing on this site.

##### **6.2 If you were Lord Mayor, briefly outline how would you reconcile these competing claims for the control of the future direction of Wentworth Park, and ensure that the future direction the Park recognises and continues its historical connection to Glebe?**

Wentworth Park was dedicated as a place for public recreation in 1885 which is supported in the City's submission to the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy that states it must be open green space. I welcome the State Government's commitment in the draft Pyrmont Peninsula Strategy to investigate the restoration of Wentworth Park as newly activated, publicly accessible open space.

## **HERITAGE**

#### **Q7 Protection of low rise and broad social demography**

##### **What are your plans to protect this aspect of Glebe's urban and social fabric?**

Glebe has many unique and special characteristics and I support preserving and enhancing those qualities either through the City's planning controls, the City's program of works, and continuing to advocate to the State Government to do their part. I believe Sydney should be a City for all. Access to social and affordable housing is essential for a diverse, cohesive, and economically successful global city. I will continue to advocate to get more housing for Indigenous people, aged care, victims of domestic violence, youth at risk and homeless people. It is also essential that during government renewal projects, existing social housing tenants are temporarily relocated nearby, not exiled to the metropolitan outskirts far from their communities.

##### **Q8 What is your position on rezoning for high rise in Glebe?**

The City's urban landscape is diverse. The Government sets us housing and jobs targets and we are obliged to meet them, but not at the expense of special character areas like Glebe. I believe that all development needs to be sympathetic to the character and context of an area, be of high quality design, not overshadow or create wind tunnels in our streets and public spaces, and will not result in poor amenity for existing communities and future occupants.

##### **Q9 Will you work for retention of Glebe's heritage conservation areas?**

Yes. It is critical that we preserve and protect our significant buildings, places and the special character areas that make up our City of Villages, including Glebe. I welcome the current review of the City's conservation areas which aims to support the retention and adaptation of buildings that contribute to the character of an area whilst responding to modern living and amenity requirements in a sustainable way.

##### **Q10 If elected will you oppose the demolition and rezoning of the Franklyn Street estate?**

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has made the City the consent authority for a future planning proposal on the site, but nothing has been lodged yet. When a planning proposal is lodged, the City is legally obliged to assess it on its individual merits. Like we did with other LAHC sites such as Waterloo South, the City will work with LAHC to maximise the amount of social and affordable housing including for Indigenous people, and ensure an acceptable overall density and living environment for all residents that is sympathetic to the neighbouring community.

## **Q11. Development Control Plan Improvements**

### **How can these be improved (top 1- 3 actions)?**

1. By reviewing the existing locality statements to better reflect the character of areas, assessing buildings and places for new heritage classifications, and guiding adaptation of heritage properties sensitively.
2. .Strengthening controls to require increased tree planting and biodiversity to improve habitat on private development.
3. By introducing controls that require step change improvements in energy performance to transition to net zero energy buildings to help the City achieve its overall target of net zero emissions by 2035.

## **SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTIAL HERITAGE**

### **Q12 Do you support having a heritage education program to develop and provide resources and guidelines for maintenance, restoration and sensitive development of residential heritage in Glebe/Forest Lodge?**

Yes. I listened to community concerns about the need to strengthen the resources available to heritage property owners.

My Lord Mayoral Minute here: <https://bit.ly/3wSVWGU>

Heritage NSW and the City recently hosted a series of workshops with the community in Millers Point and Dawes Point areas on ways to conserve the heritage values of the properties within the precinct for current and future generations. More about that here: <https://bit.ly/2YUEjKo>

With lessons learned from that process, the City is now preparing a broader heritage education program to be rolled out next year in other heritage significant areas of the LGA like Glebe.

### **Q13. How would you engage with the community on developing such a program, so it responds to community needs?**

As mentioned above, the City has recently been part of an education program led by Heritage NSW for the Millers Point and Dawes Point areas. That process received positive feedback from participants so City staff will use that to inform our own education program.

As part of that program, there were online and face to face opportunities for engagement including surveys, newsletters, social media, and workshops over a two-month period.

## **General**

### **Q14 BRIDGE ROAD CYCLEWAY**

#### **What is your view on Council's plans for the future of this cycleway and/or alternative proposals?**

I support the continuation of the Bridge Road cycleway, which was installed by TfNSW last year to give people more options to travel safely during the pandemic.

Since then, it has had the highest number of trips of the pop-up cycleways outside the city centre, with an average of 2,900 daily trips before the most recent lockdown. I do acknowledge that there has been an impact to on-street parking as a result.