

Port Phillip Council candidate questionnaire

Candidate name	Liz Johnstone
Candidate for which ward	Canal ward
Contact and social media details	Lizjohnstone4council@gmail.com
Which political party are you a member	none
What are your qualifications	Trained in business/ accounting incomplete Masters of Social Science (Planning)
What is your current employment	Associate Director- Sustainability
How long have you lived in Port Phillip	29 years
Which ward do you live in	Canal ward
What is your expertise that you bring to Council	Former Councillor and Mayor; Planning and environment policy, sustainability and ESD; strategy; financial, strategy, policy and strategy development, project planning
What are your personal policy priorities	A more effective council – creatively and efficiently anticipating and dealing with future and entrenched policy challenges of growth, climate and community resilience
What inspired you to stand for Council	Frustrated with the slow, reactive council in place
What is your policy on council issues relating to	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council governance 	Needs to be reviewed following this election to establish effective way of working. Accountability and transparency is poor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council finances 	Inefficiencies are becoming entrenched. Managerial bureaucratic culture prevails and process not outcomes drive behaviours.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council rates 	Not providing value for money
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social housing 	More housing diversity is required. Alternative models and funding sources are needing to be explored such as shared equity, inclusionary zoning.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Development 	Very difficult area which needs strategic and tactical approach to get balance right. Fishermans Bend and St Kilda Junction remain on back foot
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triangle project 	The triangle site is part fo the broader St Kilda foreshore. St Kilda UDF intent is compromised by the St Kilda LSC and Stokehouse redevelopment and their height and bulk – rethink required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisherman’s Bend planning 	Reactive response to Ministerial rezoning has left us on the back foot. Potential costs to remedy are prohibitive. Reality of soil contamination and instability, flooding and high water table, lack of PT and community infrastructure are significant and need to be fully understood.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & entertainment 	Will need to work differently to maintain our reputation in this area and be an affordable place for young and emerging artists to live and work.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport & recreation 	Parking creates challenges for clubs and visiting teams and needs review. Irrigation of sporting fields in times of drought and with a drying climate needs a strategy now. Young women’s sporting needs not traditionally catered for.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community services 	Critical for building community – support more devolved community management of community grants and services.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged care services 	Poorly distributed and will be severely tested with an ageing population
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child care services 	Struggling to keep pace with demand
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLBTIQ 	Part of our community and Council should advocate for marriage equality

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Kilda festival 	Part of the brand – but could do more for local artists and at the community level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads 	Are public land allocated to transit – where we can free up space for other uses (open space, bike lanes, footpath trading) we should
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubbish 	It is a resource. Green waste and organics streams difficult to access from southern end of city. Landfill costs will only rise. Too much on the streets – hard rubbish service not understood
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council website and use of technology for communication 	Could be better – not done spatially; not in real time IT supporting Assist seems to be archaic. Hard to find detailed info on website.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council response and finalisation of complaints 	Motherhood statements abound. Assist process is solid but constrained by IT and focus on process reduces an outcome approach and more first call resolution. Request for service works ok.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing community 	Core business for local government
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other 	

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Our members and email list supporters will then be alerted to your responses to inform them of how to locate your responses on the many issues raised in the questionnaire.

All candidates will be given the opportunity to respond with your response or lack of response communicated to the voters in the election.

Please complete the survey and email your response to unchaininc@gmail.com by **XXXXXXXXXX**.