

RESPONSES FROM WAYNE TSENG

Questions received for Meet the Lord Mayor Candidates - 1 October 2020: Presented to Candidates at meeting

Question 1

I am particularly concerned about what the Council is doing to protect and represent the interests of residents as we come out of lockdown and would be very interested in hearing from them ABOUT HOW THEY WOULD ADDRESS THIS. How will residents be considered and consulted with their policies? The outdoor dining initiative is a good example.

Please consult my policy documents which has parts covering your concern <https://zorin.com.au/2020/10/04/team-zorin-first-90-days-plan/>

Question 2

What are your views about resident rights in the CBD, particularly in relation to planning of the city? Would you consider the implementation of Resident or Community Panels or Citizen Juries? We know everyone wants to do well commercially but is it fair to be at the cost to residents who make up a considerable part of the city? If you were elected to be Lord Mayor how would you give a voice to residents about the built environment where they live especially when we see so MANY poor developments?

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Question 3

Do you agree with having a Medically Supervised Injection Room in the City of Melbourne and where would be your preferred location? How would you engage with residents in your decision making?

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Question 4

We are concerned about general security throughout the city with crime, homelessness and the issues that come with it. What do they have in their plans as these issues look to be on the rise and not likely to improve anytime soon given the COVID situation?

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Question 5

I would like to know what the candidates' specific plans are to improve handling and prevention of noise issues especially early morning garbage collection noise

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Question 6

Amendment 278 is an important initiative to encourage healthy living throughout the year by limiting overshadowing of parks for longer periods throughout the year, your thoughts on this **please?**

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Other Questions

Question 7

If elected, what will you do to improve the transparency and accountability of the Queen Victoria Market Board and market management?

The State Government has plans to locate a safe injecting room 150 metres from Queen Victoria Market at CoHealth in Victoria St, under social housing apartments housing vulnerable residents. What do you think?

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Question 8 - a representative of Melbourne City U3A.

Background - U3A Melbourne City is the oldest [University of the Third Age](#) in Australia, established in 1984. Our 1,300 members, all of whom are 50 years or older and retired or semi-retired, attend classes and activities conducted in 13 venues around the City of Melbourne. Since March 2020 most courses have been conducted online or are suspended in view of COVID 19 restrictions.

There are 105 U3As across Victoria. Approximately 70% of these have free or discounted accommodation provided by the respective local government authority.

According to the MCC website 16% of the residents of Melbourne City are 50 years or older.

Questions to Candidates

1. What do you know about Melbourne City U3A?
2. How do you think U3A Melbourne City and the Melbourne City Council could work together?
3. If elected would you be prepared to meet with representatives of Melbourne City U3A to discuss how we could work collaboratively with the next MCC to further develop the U3A's profile and activities within the City of Melbourne?

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Question 9

My questions/concerns are probably like other residents:

1. How will residents be considered and consulted with their policies?
2. How much do they think residents of the CBD matter in their policies and plans? How will they show and reflect this in their work?
3. Do they see any shortcomings or issues with their policies and the interests of CBD residents? What are those shortcomings or issues?
4. What considerations have been made for residents and ratepayers as far as what the city will look like with COVID recovery in mind?
5. General security throughout the city with crime, homelessness and the issues that come with it. What do they have in their plans as these issues look to be on the rise and not likely to improve anytime soon given the COVID situation?

6. COVID dining plans with restaurants/business reopening – how will their policies keep it all checked and balanced, realistically, while also keeping in mind the welfare and wellbeing of the residents in the CBD AND the environment of the CBD?
7. Notification and working with residents around ANY construction (not just the COVID plans e.g. laneway work) works in the CBD – bike lane extension, road closures etc.
8. What they see for the city's immediate and long-term future and how will they get there? Perhaps a curly one and question that might be best left out on the night, but it does get the thoughts flowing – If that candidate had to vote for another candidate that isn't themselves for the top job, who would they pick and give one reason why they would, and another for why they wouldn't.

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Question 10

I would like to register the following questions for Sally Capp.

1. Can Sally please explain how her office and the Andrews Government arrived at the outdoor dining package without consulting business owners?
2. What formal discussions were held with the relevant businesses to develop the support that would be given to business?
3. Why are areas like Lygon Street left out of grants?
4. What is your reasoning in supporting proposed injecting rooms in the CBD?
5. It is rumoured that Daniel Andrews bullies you and your team around, so how do you plan to stand up to him this time around and do what's best for the city of Melbourne if you are voted in?

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Question 11

My question to the candidates is: Southbank Promenade / bicycles saturation to the area is destroying our social life!!!!!!!. What will you do about it?

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Question 12

How will the Burra Charter be applied to determine the heritage, cultural and social value of places, and will the loss of heritage fabric, insensitive interventions and 'facadism' in our city be allowed to continue?

How will stakeholders such as residents' interests and amenity be balanced with the desire to accelerate development post-pandemic?

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Question 13

Here are two question for the mayoral candidates:

1. Given that the Melbourne CBD is a mecca for mentally disturbed people who do not wear masks for whatever reason, and probably will never pay fines for not doing so, what is your strategy for addressing this issue and keeping the rest of us safe?

2. The food courier bikes are powered vehicles whose riders insist on using the footpaths as bike lanes putting pedestrians at risk. I know bike lanes are being added to some parts of the CBD and what else can be done to reduce this behaviour and keep the side-walk safe for pedestrians?

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Question 14

Can I ask the following:

- what will be your approach to bringing the CBD back to life post-COVID?
- as a candidate what is your approach to reducing road traffic in the CBD, particularly polluting road traffic, and freeing up the streets to foot traffic?
- as a candidate what is your approach to our council carbon footprint and policies to achieve carbon neutrality (or carbon negative)

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Question 15

I would like to ask the candidates about the Climate Emergency, the Urban Forest strategy for the city of Melbourne, and how they see the 43 hectare historic Melbourne General Cemetery being involved.

May I ask whether the ca has members interested in the greening and preservation of Melbourne General cemetery?

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Please see some of my sustainability policies here and the need for more Green Spaces

Question 16

Wondering if anyone has brought up:

1. the noise disturbance from the very early rubbish collection truck, 5am I think.
2. the tram stop that used to be at Latrobe/Russell St going towards Swanston St which was removed maybe some years ago
3. When outdoor dining opens up, the birds preying on the food/bins etc, another big health concern
4. When cafes etc open up, the kitchens pots & pans, cutlery etc would have to be deep cleansed as rodents etc may have made their homes during the lockdown. Is there a hygiene grading system to inspect the cleanliness of these food prep areas? Am concerned about this when things open up

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From my policy doc here, you will see I will increase Garbage Collection and Declare quite night zone in residential areas where noise level is to reduce after 10pm

Question 17

And my question for the candidates would be regarding short-term tenancies in Melbourne's residential apartment buildings.

I live in a small building where one company has the plan to eventually turn the building into a hotel of sorts. This has made my, and my fellow owner-occupiers, living conditions very different to the lifestyle we envisaged when moving to the CBD. The current laws in Victoria do very little to protect owner-occupiers from short term tenancies / Airbnb - is there any plan to put in place some strong laws that protect residential apartment buildings being taken over in this manner?

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Zorin for Investment – Address Challenges with Airbnb

Short stay rentals are integral part of city apartment investment income. Without this income many investors will suffer and force to sell. This further push down second-hand apartment prices. Unfortunately, short stay including Airbnb attracts crime, noise and unwanted interruption. The needed solution comes in several folds. This may include getting body corporate managing to outline rules for owner who offer Airbnb to observe. There is a need to develop guidelines which Airbnb and other portal must enforce on its renters. The need for future apartment builders to include provision for short terms stayers that will minimise disruption to residents.

Question 18

We are interested in what strategic steps they will take to get the city open and back to vibrancy following the pandemic.

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You will see here some of my policies advocating

Outdoor dining

Roaming entertainment

Night economy

Daytime Light economy

Return of festival – less crowd but longer period

Question 19

I would like to know where the candidates stand on the following issues, if possible, please?

On the environment:

Protecting the environment, undoing the damage already done, reducing our CO2 levels and quickly transitioning to renewable forms of energy are critical and urgent. Councils have a part to play.

Currently the City of Melbourne has no green waste or compost collection.

Do you intend offering green waste or compost collection? If so, how will that work?

What happens to our paper, glass and plastic recycling? How can we do better?

On heritage preservation:

Preserving our city heritage buildings and our green spaces is vital for future generations. To have a cohesive and proud society we need to anchor our sense of identity and understand and protect our past as well as provide for our future.

How do you intend protecting our heritage?

Where do you stand on protection verses development?

City Liveability:

Melbourne has been the world's most liveable city for many years. Covid aside, we need to keep that living standard high. That means keeping the city safe and clean. It means providing safe and reliable public transport for people to get into and around the city. It means supporting our world class restaurants, theatres, entertainment and sporting events.

Where do you stand on public housing and the homeless?

What will you do to support public transport in the city?

What will you do to support the arts and entertainment in our city?

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In there Mary, you will see some of my environment and sustainability proposal

Question 20 'We Live Here'

Short-term letting in residential buildings when restrictions are lifted.

During the Stage 3 and 4 lockdown residential high-rise buildings have been able to maintain a COVIDSafe environment due to the absence of short-term letting of apartments. We have also rediscovered the security and amenity lost during the rampant years of the unregulated, out-of-control short-stay industry.

Our concern now is what happens when restrictions are lifted and visitors start returning to Melbourne. Social distancing and maintaining a COVIDSafe environment is going to remain for a long time. This is OK in hotels. It is also possible with owners renting out a room in their apartment for short-stays, when they are also present. However, it is incompatible with the modus operandi used by commercial short-stay operators, and can't possibly be achieved unless something akin to a registration process is introduced. There needs to be a clear Road Map going forward, and we need some guidance with it; we can't do it on our own.

We welcome the thoughts of the candidates on these issues, which affect 83% of the population of Melbourne living in the CBD.

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Question 21 – South Bank Residents Association

My question is:

How many, and who, on your team lives in the municipality, and for those who don't why should residents vote for candidates who don't live in the municipality?

I live on Lonsdale Street, office in 20 Queens and investment property at the Tiara Haig Street. I am on the body corp committee in most of the buildings for which I have an investment property

Question 22

If possible, I would like to hear the Candidates discuss their attitude to homelessness in the City and what they intend to stand for if elected.

I would also like to hear from them on the issues of mental health and drug addiction.

Forgive me for keep it brief

- **I do support given crisis housing/shelter for the homeless. Provide free PPE to them and encourage them to find an explorer and use Job maker**
- **I will attract more mental health services to the city. If council budget allows, provide free mental health services to the low income**
- **I suggest QVM self inject room. But it need to be in a better location not so close to residential apartments**

Rest of my discussion on this topic can be found In

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Question 23

My question is solely about moving the homeless people off the CBD streets and into accom - there are way more homeless people since the lockdown but these are now also more troubled, drug-addicted, scary, screaming, fighting, etc. Whichever candidate is tackling this gets my vote!

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- **I do support given crisis housing/shelter for the homeless. Provide free PPE to them and encourage them to find an explorer and use Job maker. We will move them to shelter**
- **I suggest QVM self inject room. But it need to be in a better location not so close to residential apartments**
- **I will great safe zone for Melbourne residents introducing CCTV and patrols**

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Question 24

The city's recent moves to create more public and pedestrian-safe areas from on street parking have been positive steps towards benefiting residents, visitors and businesses. However, with the likely reduction in individual car use in city centres in years to come, there are further gains being made in leading cities from the reuse and eventual rezoning of car parks in the city centre - to purposes as diverse as recreation, business, art and urban agriculture. I would like to hear how candidates envision the creative reuse and repurposing of our city car parks. What are your visions and plans to incentivise and facilitate this process?

Zorin proposes to fast track digital transformation of council processes and install smart system.

So we are able to:

Utilise installed smart systems to enable...

- Traffic redistribution to avoid gridlocks
- Smart PayStay app to free up unused car spots
- Designate safe UBER pick up point
- Allocate safer Food delivery and Click Collect Zones

Zorin will also attract investment in automatic car park towers

While free up space for Bike Safe Zone

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