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Candidate for Calgary City Council Ward 1

1. Yes- for sure. Privatization only helps big companies gain a profit and employs lower paid workers who usually do not have the expertise and experience that public workers have acquired. In an effort to maximize profits, corners are cut eventually and services suffer. Public infrastructure can also degrade over time without proper maintenance and this can cause bigger expenses over the long run. P3s similarly increase costs through time and are not an efficient investment of the public's money. Good public services with no contracting out is one of my priorities. (LarryTweedale.com).

2. Yes I will always support my employees with wages, full time work, job security and collective bargaining rights.

3. Yes. I will strongly oppose any attempts by the provincial government to attack municipal employees' rights and benefits. It is my passion to defend public services and to maintain fair collective agreements.

4. Initially ,in order to maintain services, the city's reserves will have to be utilized as we are in a state of emergency. We must continue to press the provincial government to restore the municipal share of taxes. There must be no new taxes to average income earners and small businesses. The highest income households and large corporations must pay their fair share of taxes.

5. Yes I support these measures. Mandatory vaccinations must respectively exempt those with medical conditions and severe vaccine reactions. Those that refuse vaccines should be temporarily redeployed to positions where they are not in close contact with the public.

6. Yes, in the very least transit fares should not see any increases and low income and fixed income individuals must continue to be benefited with greatly discounted fares. Service fees must be eliminated.