

Scott Hennig

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Scott: I appreciate you folks doing this survey. I know there are no places to make comments but I will anyway, just so you know where I'm coming from in my answers. If there was a chance for footnotes to the website answers, that would be useful. A couple of issues are not simply black or white.

You and I have talked about the Katz question. I realize your intentions are good but I don't believe it's right to single out one business person in this fashion.

We know all campaigns are heavily funded by all kinds of individuals and organizations who have special interests. What makes Katz's contributions any better or worse than large trade unions, major developers etc., etc.? That said, I have not approached Katz for a contribution nor has he offered one.

Re early disclosure of campaign contributions. I will comply with the rules as laid out by elections officials. Every contribution has been forwarded to my campaign accountant. They will be receipted -- and donations of more than \$100 will be publicly disclosed by name as per the law. As you know, the new provincial rules are extremely onerous, complex and it's time-consuming because we have to receipt literally every dollar we receive. We won't even be done this process until well after Oct. 18, so we won't have a complete list of donors until then.

I believe campaign donation rules should be changed so civic candidates would be able to offer tax receipts to contributors. It would make it far easier to get small donations from a wider array of people and would be good for democracy. Provincial politicians can put on a golf tourney, charge \$200 and offer a tax receipt for it. I couldn't do that.

Expo 2017: I said no to that question, but that's a tough one on a yes or no question. If I was presented with an excellent business plan that clearly demonstrated a small investment of civic tax money would reap enormous economic benefits, make money and leave a legacy, I might reconsider. But from the details that have so far been revealed, I would not vote for tax money going to Expo.

Anyway, the campaign is going very well. We have a fine team of devoted people and have more lawn signs on private property than all of the other five candidates combined. We're doorknocking hard, working our tails off and, after Oct. 18 I believe I'll be the very first city councillor to be elected in in Ward 11 — a voice of common sense and a fiscal watchdog for taxpayers.

Just FYI, biggest issues at the doors? Crime, condition of roads, taxes. Oh, and many, many people are upset they were denied a plebiscite on the airport. I believe they should have had one. From what I'm hearing they still want one and it's something I will push for on their behalf.

I look forward to an ongoing dialogue with you and your supporters.

Thanks, Scott.

-Kerry

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) is a non-partisan, non-profit advocacy organization committed to lower taxes, less waste and more government accountability. We have 74,000 supporters nation-wide, with 16,000 of them here in Alberta.

During elections, we regularly provide information to our supporters as to where various candidates stand on issues important to them.

As such we have prepared a five question survey for you to complete. Your response will be released publicly on our website: www.taxpayer.com <<http://www.taxpayer.com>> as well as sent directly to our supporters in Edmonton.

Please complete the following survey and fax it back to 1-877-482-1744 or e-mail it to shennig@taxpayer.com <<mailto:shennig@taxpayer.com>> by Tuesday, October 5th.

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1. Do you support limiting annual property tax bill increases to Edmonton's inflation rate?

Yes

1. Do you support spending city tax dollars on bidding for and hosting Expo 2017?

No

1. Do you support using municipal tax dollars (either through a transparent grant or loan or through the Community Revitalization Levy (CRL) scheme) to fund all or a portion of the construction of a new NHL arena/entertainment facility?

No

1. Have you accepted or will you be accepting campaign contributions (financial or in-kind) from Daryl Katz, the Katz Group, any of the Katz Group of Companies (including but not limited to Rexall, The Edmonton Oilers, Edmonton Oil Kings, etc.) or any employee of, or person related to, Daryl Katz or his companies?

Undecided

1. Will you pro-actively disclose publicly a list of who contributed to your campaign and in what amount prior to the October 18 vote?

No

1. Do you believe a plebiscite/referendum should be held prior to city council approving a significant portion of tax dollars be used to fund the construction of a new NHL arena/entertainment facility?

Yes

Candidate information:

Name: __Kerry Diotte_____

Signature: ____kd_____

Ward/Position: __Ward 11_____

 **VOTE**
KERRY DIOTTE

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