

2017 Municipal Election Survey 2017 – Calgary –

Thank you for participating in the Canadian Taxpayers Federation's election survey. Please provide your responses to Colin Craig (ccraig@taxpayer.com) by **September 29**(end of day). Results will be posted at Taxpayer.com, sent to the media and emailed to our supporters.

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<p>1) Will you introduce a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to scan and post council expense receipts online?(Just as the province does for MLA expenses)</p> <p><i>Comment: Some my core values and principles are responsibility, transparency and accountability. It is a great privilege to earn voters trust and confidents to get things doNE and so did we promised our taxpayers to be accountable and transperence to keep the trust bestowed to us</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<p>2) Will you protect taxpayers from additional financial risk and excessive costs by introducing a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to place new city employees, and council members, in a less costly pension plan?(Defined contribution)</p> <p><i>Comment: I had forgone my employer pension as a president of student association because I did believe my job was to serve students and our community rather than a career. I still believe in that prospective when it comes to taxpayers.</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<p>3) Will you vote to reduce city employee salaries by 5% (or reduce total salary expenditures by 5%) – just as many employees in Calgary's business sector received during the recession?</p> <p><i>Comment: One of my campaigns is to reduce my salary by \$15,000 annually. I am eager to use this funds to directly have an impact on youth projects that encourage them to be an active community members.</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<p>4) Will you introduce a motion (or support one tabled by a colleague) to cap property tax increases at inflation? (Statistics Canada's CPI for Calgary)</p> <p><i>Comment: I believe it is really important to ensure that our tax system is fair and does reflect our values to be a city that does more with less. The latest hike of 4.5 per cent in residential property taxes for 2015 had tripled the average annual Statistics Canada inflation rate for the 2010-2014. We need to ensure that our property taxes stay below our inflation rate. As an example of Montreal, that had increased their residential property taxes of 2016 by an average of 1.9 per cent, which was lower than the 2.3 per cent rate of inflation.</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<p>5) Will you support a motion to halt spending on public art until the city's unemployment rate is below the national average?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>

<p><i>I will halt spending on public art that does not contribute into our employment. I will only support public art that demonstrate the ability to have impact on attracting more business and increase employment opportunities to the artist but also to the employment in general. It is in one prospective of looking in our need rather than our wants until our unemployment rate is down.</i></p> <p><i>For example, North East Calgary have a stigma to be unsafe in which losses many opportunities toward attracting and retaining businesses and inviting our customer to shop in North East stores and malls, particularly, Ward 10.</i></p> <p><i>In my vision, it will be best prospective to elevate the positive North East by making a 36 street a innovation corridor. However, this will require the work with Municipal government, businesses, and community donors as well. In short, Public art must have a return of investment.</i></p>	
<p>6) Do you believe a referendum should be held prior to council approving any bids to host the 2026 Winter Olympics?</p> <p><i>Comment: This is a hug bid and has already cost millions of dollars of taxpayer money in studying it. Having to cost another millions of dollars may be an efficient, and taxpayers should have a say through a referendum.</i></p> <p><i>We did a referendum with student building funds to ensure accountability and students' voice were accounted for. I believe there are no differences when it comes to accountability and transparency.</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<p>7) Do you supporter viewing city services and exploring activities that could be contracted out to save taxpayers money?</p> <p><i>Comment: Absolutely! Our city should have efficiency and effectiveness in any of their services. It should also aim for building a quality of service for less.</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<p>8) Do you support spending public funds on a new arena for the Flames?</p> <p><i>Comment: With exception that it must have a direct return on the investment</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>
<p>9) Have you accepted or will you accept financial or in-kind donations from the Calgary Flames, any of the team's owners or their companies?</p> <p><i>Comment: I have never accepted any financial or in-kind donations from the Calgary Flames or will accept as it may be a conflict of interest.</i></p>	<p>YES/NO</p>