Mandel - Canadian Taxpayers Survey Responses

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

Tax levels are determined annually by a number of factors including inflation rate. The inflation rate is an important guideline and target but not always achievable. We do everything we can to limit tax increases in the City, for example our 2010 budget had an operating tax increase of only .9%. The balance of the increase consistent of 2% for policing and 2% to generate a capital pool to fund much needed neighbourhood upgrades. Tax supported revenues for the neighbourhood capital fund will max out in 2014, at which point the added tax can end.

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

Yes, EXPO will bring well over \$2 billion in capital investment into our City from other orders of government and the private sector, help our university reach its goal of being top 20 by 2020, help our Province project a positive message as to the real, responsible potential of our energy industry to the world and make Edmonton the focus of Canada's 150th birthday celebration - these are just a few of the reasons I believe our EXPO has growing community, provincial and national support.

# 3. 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?

#### Undecided

There is not sufficient information to make this decision at this time. But the CRL can and should be one funding mechanism considered. They can be effective mechanisms to revitalize neighborhhoods. I also believe that any funding package must include: the promised contribution from the owner and a ticket tax (or some other form of user pay). I do not support any current tax or infrastructure dollars being directed to an arena/entertainment district.

# 4. 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?

We have received and will not accept any donations from these sources during this campaign.

### 5. 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, we will disclose all donations fully and completely in compliance with provincial legislative requirements.

# 6. 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?

No, Councils must make significant decisions with cost implications at every meeting. People elect us to make decisions and they can decide how they feel about those decisions at elections.