

2017 Municipal Election Survey 2017 – Edmonton –

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.

Name: SANDY PON - Edmonton City Council-Ward 9 Signature: _____

<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:</i> Edmonton city council expenses are already available in great detail online. I believe this disclosure is adequate. But more transparency is always better.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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 in a less costly pension plan? (Defined contribution)</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> The City of Edmonton contribute 11% to elected official's total annual salary to support retirement; or 12% to Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Defined Contribution Pension Plan. This is taxpayer's money. It is the City's duty to find equivalent benefit with the most cost effective pension plans when possible.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>3) Will you vote to freeze or reduce city employee salaries – just as many employees in Edmonton's business sector received during the recession?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> I am a single mother of two. I have run my own business for over 25 years. I know what it is like to be a small business owner in Edmonton. I believe the City should lead by example and be parallel to what is offered in the private sector regardless of recession or no recession.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Edmonton)</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> To ensure that all Edmonton property owners pay their fair share of property taxes, the City follows the guidelines established by the provincial government and uses a property assessment process. I do not believe property tax increases should be capped by a single market indicator such as CPI.</p>	<p>YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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> I look forward to discussing our future Municipal Art expenditures. I will challenge this spending item and would consider voting to halt this expenditure.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>6) Do you support reviewing city services and exploring activities that could be contracted out to save taxpayers money?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> It is my duty as a member of city council to review city services and to look at smarter ways to make our city better.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>7) Will you proactively disclose a list of those who contributed over \$250 to your campaign (and the amount) prior to the October 16 vote?</p> <p><i>Comment:</i> I will disclose information on all contributions over \$100.01, as require under the Election Act and regulations on campaign donations.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>