



Glen Eira City Council Elections 2020: Questionnaire to all candidates.

Given the current COVID environment, electioneering by candidates is extremely difficult. *Save Glen Eira* believes that ratepayers would welcome candidates' views on numerous issues currently confronting our municipality. We therefore are inviting all candidates to fill out this questionnaire to provide residents with some insight into their future councillors. All submitted questionnaires will be published on our website.

1. Name:.....Alan.Grossbard.....
2. Glen Eira Ward:Camden.....
3. Why did you decide to run for Council?
 I was approached by small groups of people who have been concerned about the way
Glen Eira Council is making decisions and wanted me to come on board with my
leadership, visionary and financial management skills.....
4. What local activities are you involved in?
 I have been involved over the years with local communities from anti-discrimination to religious
 support.

5. What do you see as your strengths/skill set to be a Councillor?
 Leadership

 Financial management and business understanding

 Past experience as Mayor and Councillor for City of Glen Eira.....
 Visionary

6. Are you a member of a political party? If so, which one?
 I stand as an independent not receiving any financial support from any political party or an individuals

7. What do you see as the current important issues facing Glen Eira?
 City Council keep its rates low by prudent financial management of its budget

 To ensure sound infrastructural support and variety of services for all ages

 To develop more open space.....
 Reduce overdevelopment and make our city have an 'urban village' identity

 Support our small business community who are doing it tough
8. How would you evaluate and take into consideration residents' views on topical issues?

 Full public consultation - As I have done over many years, listen to residents' concerns and consult
 them (forums, public meetings, etc.) before Council makes any major decision.

9. Would you support and lobby for mandatory formal oversight committees with community
 representatives to help ensure greater accountability of council actions?



.In my brochure distributed to residents - the 1st point is 'Open and accountable Council'. I can show this from my past experience.

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10. Would you support the banning of political donations from developers, as in NSW?

Absolutely. In my time on Council I have NEVER been offered political donations.

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11. Our planning provisions require Councils to balance important and often competing issues How would you prioritise the following issues? (Rank: **High/Medium/Low**)

- Prioritise purchase of new open space in areas of lesser open space.H.....
- Protection of residential amenity.H.....
- Economic activity through construction and development. Unsure of meaning
- Heritage conservationH.....
- Housing affordability and social justice.H.....
- Medium rise infill in low rise streets abutting low rise residences.M.....
- Protecting communities, small local businesses & shopping strips.H.....
- Sustainable initiativesH.....
- Protecting fauna corridors and biodiversityH.....
- High-rise development in Activity Centres.L to M depenednt on the positioning.....
- Increasing the tree canopyH.....
- Support for council initiative cultural eventsH.....
- Inclusion of affordable/social housing in new developments.M.....
- Support for new bike or pedestrian paths through Glen Eira. Depends on where they are positioned
- Support for Council initiatives to reduce carbon footprint (Council & Residential)H.....
- Support for creation of deliberative community panels for all major projects/budgetsH.....

12. Is the current residential development adequately making provision for affordable housing?

I need to research this matter before making a justifiable and quantifiable response

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13. How happy do you think the residents of Glen Eira are with the current level of development?
..... Thus is one of the reasons I am putting my hand up to return to Council because of residents
..... concerns on this matter (see above).
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14. Some zoning types eg Activity Centre Zoning (ACZ) can result in no later appeal-rights for residents. Do you think
this is fair on residents?
..... No. There should be a better appeal process
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15. Do we need tighter planning controls and added scrutiny to protect residents in or nearby to mixed-use zones?
..... Absolutely. There needs to be new Planning Amendments Schemes introduced by
..... Council that protect residents.
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16. What changes would you like to see implemented by the Glen Eira City Council? Eg planning scheme, local laws,
meeting procedures, other changes
..... This has been stated all above.
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Meet the Candidates Forums (on zoom):
Camden Oct 6th
Rosstown Oct 7th
Tucker Oct 8th
Registration details to follow