



Ambleside and Dundarave Residents Association

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Name _____

QUESTION		
	What is/was your occupation? Your education?	I am an interior designer, I studied at BCIT.
2.	Do you currently live in West Vancouver? For how long?	Yes, I have lived here the majority of my life, as did my mom, Grandmother and Grandfather.
	List of municipal or civic group experience.	I was on the Vancouver Heritage Foundation Board, and I volunteered extensively for Dragonboating and paddling events in BC as well as coaching breast cancer survivor teams.
4.	Why are you running? (50 words or less)	Because I feel that I can provide leadership from the viewpoint of someone who has lived here for a long time, as well as someone who has worked in the construction industry for the past 12 years. I am committed to financial transparency, affordability especially for young families and seniors as well as support staff. And I would like to personally see west van grow a little bit for younger people. We could benefit for more community gathering spaces such as restaurants, breweries (which provide jobs and increase the economy here), and greater accessibility to parks and outdoor activities.
	If elected, what are your top 3 priorities? (50 words or less)	Financial accountability/transparency. Affordable housing. Growth of community spaces such as the outdoors, restaurants and small businesses.
	What are the top 3 challenges facing West Vancouver? How would you address them? (75 words or less)	We are having a lot of growth that doesn't support statistical income levels. I think we need to address that. Many of our parks and trails are run down and are turning into unsafe areas, and a surge in interest in hiking and mountain biking has led to out of control parking at trail heads. To streamline the permit process for renovations and development. It takes far too long, the process changes constantly, and it should be digitized.

7.	Do you support a 38M publicly funded Arts Centre? In Ambleside Park? With a hotel? If not, what sort of arts facilities would you support? (75 words or less)	I don't. But I do support greater spaces for arts in Vancouver. Someone suggested redeveloping the library. If we could combine the library and the arts centre it would make a lot of sense economically, and if we could add office spaces or retail or rentals, it would lessen the financial burden and draw that project closer to funded over the long term. (I also think the adjacency of arts and literature makes a lot of sense from a community usage standpoint)
8.	What is the maximum height and density you would support for future buildings along Marine Drive corridor and Ambleside and Dundarave Villages?	I think 3-6 stories is a maximum that would be appropriate. (Mixed heights)
	Traffic gridlock has been a major issue identified by residents. What actions would you take to address this issue? (50 words or less)	I would like to lobby the provincial and federal govt to receive funding to create rapid transit (sky train) to west Vancouver, and to find routes that do not disturb existing road ways as a preference.
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