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**QUESTION 1: The City of Edmonton should take more action to make municipal land available for low-income affordable housing development (eg. surplus school land).**

Low income affordable housing is an endemic issue. Until the problem is resolved, reallocation of resources, including making more municipal land available for such housing, will be an ongoing process to balance out competing needs and priorities in light of available resources. Making additional municipal land is only one of a number of potential policy and strategic options available for consideration

**QUESTION 2: There is not enough subsidized housing in some neighbourhoods, and the City must ensure a better distribution in all neighbourhoods throughout Edmonton.**

Ghettoization of any portion of the city is to be avoided, and on this basis a more equal distribution of low income and subsidized housing throughout the City is a goal to be pursued. Again this will be an ongoing process to balance out competing needs and priorities in light of available resources.

**QUESTION 3: The City should seek to use zoning flexibility (on issues such as required parking spaces) to support the development of more affordable housing initiatives.**

This a possible strategy to be applied as part of an ongoing process to balance out competing needs and priorities in light of available resources

**QUESTION 4: The City should commit funding to extend the Cornerstones Affordable Housing program.**

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**QUESTION 5: The City should create a comprehensive plan to address the need for thousands of units of affordable housing in a comprehensive and coordinated way that includes attention to schools, public transportation, and community services.**

Such a plan will need to address only the needs but also the capacity and availability of resources to deal with these needs.

**QUESTION 6: The City is doing a good job to end chronic homelessness through the current 10 Year Plan and the work of the Edmonton Homeless Commission.**

There has been a good start but much work remains to be done.

**QUESTION 7: The City must be more active in advocating with the provincial and federal governments for more funding and better policies on affordable housing.**

Any funding or other assistance higher levels of government can provide will facilitate allocation of resources and long term planning to alleviate shortages in supply of affordable housing.

**QUESTION 8: The City must develop better ways to gather views of all residents about housing issues and not depend so significantly on input from community leagues and developers.**

Current modalities for consultation already anticipate participation by organizations in addition to community leagues and developers. This said, we can always be alive to new and better possibilities for consultation, improving the effectiveness of decision making, and implementing in a timely fashion meaningful solutions.

**QUESTION 9: Finally, you may provide any additional comments about any other aspects of housing and homelessness.**

I will work closely once on council with your group as affordable housing is one of my key issues in this city. Thank you for your time.