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**1. Have you personally been involved in any group, organisation or activities that relate to sustainability? Please give details and outcomes.**

Personally, I do not involve in any particular group, but always supportive to activities like Arbor Day at Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park, Waikato Environment Centre AGM, Kaivolution 100 tones celebration and many ethnic activities throughout the city.

**2. Please rank, in order of (1) to (7), what you consider to be the most pressing needs for sustainability today, (1) being the most pressing and (7) the least. Please also add one of your own ideas.**

Adapting to the impacts of climate change Rank: 2

Reducing our contribution to climate change Rank: 1

Sustainable economic growth Rank: 5

Sustainable transport options Rank: 4

Sustainable urban design Rank: 6

Water quality in our rivers and lakes Rank: 3

**3. In your view, what is the most effective thing Council could do to improve wellbeing for those of lower socioeconomic status in our city?**

The "People Project" to tackle homelessness in CBD is working. Council fully support this project with funding and Community Development support. Council needs to work with other government department, service providers, developers and business community to create more jobs and affordable housing. I will push for reducing annual rate increase of 3.8% to perhaps 2.5% or lower (subject to financial status and impacts).

**4. What do you see as future priorities for transport in Hamilton City and what benefits do you believe these changes will bring?**

Improve bus services and routes. Perhaps introduce smaller buses to run during nonpeak hours. Improve cycle ways, education to motorists and cyclists of roads sharing and safety. A better and more efficient bus service will reduce cars on roads, less congestion and less demands on more roads, better air quality. Promote electric cars.

**5. What sustainable water management strategies do you think Council should implement?**

Fix water leakage, education to residents regarding water conservation. To develop consistent and efficient Water service infrastructures upgrade and renewal programme. Further study on Water Management Services like Water CCO model.

**6. Do you see the Council as having responsibility towards managing native biodiversity within the city? If yes, what policies would you like to see in place to support this? If no, please explain.**

Yes. I believe Parks and Open Space together with City Park should develop a planting policy or programme to manage native biodiversity within the city. Developers need to be encouraged to do the same when opening up a new subdivision.

**7. What strategies do you think Council should employ to minimise the City's waste?**

Education ("Fight the Landfill" campaign is a good example) is important to waste minimisation and encouraging recycling. Introduce bigger bins for recycling items collection to cover all numbers for plastic. Kerbside rubbish collection needs a review for a more efficient service.

**8. How can Hamilton celebrate cultural diversity while helping to strengthen cross cultural ties?**

I personally have been working in this area for 15 years (12 years in Council as the Ethnic Development Advisor). Council needs to encourage and promote ethnic functions and festival celebrations. Council should support Waitangi Day celebration to bring all cultures together. A goal to promote cultural diversity must be in place for all Plans and Policies.

**9. Do you think Council has a role in supporting businesses, schools, families and individuals to make more sustainable choices? If no, why not and if yes what ideas do you have to support this?**

Yes. Council should take a leading role in sustainability. Council has adopted 11 Sustainability Principles at Council meeting last month. These will help to guide Council towards sustainability on every service it provides. Council has employed an ECO Design Advisor in the Building Unit. Council should establish a position of Sustainability Advisor.

**10. Do you think Council has a responsibility to have policies to mitigate climate change and manage its impacts? Could you please give some examples?**

I believe Council has the responsibility to tackle climate change. With the adoption of the 11 principles, I believe Council is moving towards the right direction.

**11. Suppose that your Council is considering a proposal for economic development. The development would increase regional GDP and create a significant number of jobs. It would also add significant pollution to waterways and further degrade their ecosystems. Would you support the proposal or not? What is your reasoning?**

There is no simple answer to this. I support economic growth, but I do not want to have damages done to our environment. The proposal needs to demonstrate every possible steps to mitigate any harm that would have done to the environment.