

## 2SLGBTQIA+ Questionnaire for Waterloo Region Municipal Candidates

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### **What role are you running for?**

City of Kitchener, Ward 7

### **What do you believe are the most critical issues for the local 2SLGBTQIA+ community? If elected, how would you work with the local community to address these issues?**

It is very difficult to answer this question as every person in the community has different experiences. I recently went on a community bike ride to support members of the LGBTQ2S+ after hurtful comments were said from another ward councillor. Andrew, the organizer told me that the problem with the other councillor's responses at the meeting were that they came from a heterosexual view point, from people who do not know what it is like to be a member of the LGBTQ2+ community. I talked to another person in my neighbourhood who had their pride flag burned twice on their front porch. That is horrific and should not be tolerated. We should all be kind and respectful of each other. If I am elected, I would like to listen to people's issues, get recommendations from them as well as professionals in the field and try to address the problems in a way that is helpful to them.

### **Do you agree with the statement that "trans rights are human rights, and must be protected as such?"**

I would like to say that human rights are the same for everyone, regardless of who you are and must be protected. They are for all humans, not just a specific group. "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights" -Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights