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Three Victorian lower house electorates are situated wholly or partly within the City of Yarra: Brunswick, Richmond and Northcote.

As a candidate, Yarra City Council is seeking to understand your / your party's position on some key asks and policy positions adopted by Council for the City of Yarra.

Responses and nil responses will be published on Council's website.

What is your full name? *

Are you running as a party candidate or an independent candidate? *

- ◯ Victorian Labor Party candidate
- ◯ Victorian Liberal Party candidate/Victorian National Party candidate
- ◯ Victorian Greens Party candidate
- ◯ Victorian Socialists Party candidate
- ◯ One Nation Victoria Party candidate
- ◯ Libertarian Party Victoria candidate
- ◯ Independent candidate
- ◯ Animal Justice Party
- ◯ Family First Party
- ◯ I'm Voting to Avoid the Fine Party

- ◯ Free Palestine Party
- ◯ Australian Democrats Party

For which electorate are you a candidate? *

- ◯ Richmond
- ◯ Brunswick
- ◯ Northcote

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1. Council opposes the demolition of the public housing towers without evidence that refurbishment is not possible. Council supports the retention of public housing, public land and open space. More information can be found here.

Do you support a review of the public housing tower redevelopment program? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Decline to answer

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2. Free community health facilities in Collingwood and Fitzroy operated by cohealth are vitally important to the local community and Council supports their continuation. More information can be found here.

Do you support all free community health services being reinstated in Fitzroy and Collingwood and their future being assured? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Decline to answer

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3. Medically supervised injecting rooms (MSIR) are a proven, compassionate and evidence-based approach to saving lives. Council believes that the North Richmond MSIR is in the wrong location and more rehabilitation and recovery services are needed. More information can be found here.

Do you support relocating the MSIR from its current location? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not applicable to my electorate (Brunswick and Northcote)
- ◯ Decline to answer

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4. 2 River Street, Richmond is owned by the Victorian Government and was recently declared 'surplus to requirements'. Thousands of new apartments are bringing many thousands of new people to the area. This site is suitable for open space and to expand the local kindergarten adjacent. More information can be found here.

Do you support the gifting of 2 River St, Richmond to Council for community use? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not applicable to my electorate (Brunswick and Northcote)
- ◯ Decline to answer

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5. Our live music scene needs more support to thrive. Council is calling on the Victorian Government to protect live music venues in planning schemes and review regulations that are not fit for purpose. More information can be found here.

Do you support establishing live music planning precincts, reviewing regulations and more funding to protect artists and venues? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Decline to answer

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6. Council supports the creation of more affordable housing for key workers. Capital funding from the Federal and Victorian Governments would be required to implement an affordable housing project in the City of Yarra. More information can be found here.

Would you support the Victorian Government contributing capital funding to a local key worker affordable housing project? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Decline to answer

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7. Council has identified that it is absorbing an estimated $10 million per year as a result of cost shifting from the Victorian Government, in areas including libraries, maternal and child health services and school crossing supervisors.

Would you support a review of state government cost shifting with a view to reinstating more equitable funding arrangements? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Decline to answer

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8. Council's Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan sets out practical steps to make the precinct safer, cleaner and more welcoming, while backing local businesses and celebrating the communities and cultures that give the street its character.

The plan identifies a range of ideas which have the potential to fundamentally shift how the precinct looks, feels and functions; many require a genuine partnership with the Victorian Government. More information can be found here.

Do you support establishing a Board to drive implementation of Victoria Street Revitalisation, to include senior officials from across relevant state government portfolios? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

- ◯ Not applicable to my electorate (Brunswick and Northcote)
- ◯ Decline to answer

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9. Data demonstrates that a multi-purpose community services hub is needed in the heart of North Richmond - kindergarten, maternal and child health rooms, a fit for purpose youth hub and community spaces. More information can be found here.

Do you support establishing a community services hub in North Richmond? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not applicable to my electorate (Brunswick and Northcote)
- ◯ Decline to answer

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10. Victoria Police has closed counter service at the Fitzroy and Collingwood Police Stations.

Would you seek to re-open counter service at these police stations? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not applicable to my electorate (Brunswick and Northcote)
- ◯ Decline to answer

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11. The Victorian Government's Development Facilitation Program is removing many planning decisions from Council and the rights of local communities to object to planning decisions.

Do you support reinstating Council planning powers and the community's right to raise objections to planning decisions? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Decline to answer

12. Refurbishment of the Alphington Bowls Club building would enable more community uses for people of all ages and abilities. More information can be found here.

Would you support the Victorian Government providing capital funding to refurbish the Alphington Bowls Club? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not applicable to my electorate (Brunswick and Richmond)
- ◯ Decline to answer

13. Upgrading Richmond Library would create more floor space, more functional and flexible spaces, upgraded amenities and better accessibility. More information can be found here.

Would you support the Victorian Government contributing capital funding to upgrade Richmond Library? *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not applicable to my electorate (Brunswick and Northcote)
- ◯ Decline to answer

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