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**Q1**

Candidate Name

Ismene Thiveos

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**Q2**

**North East Ward**

Contesting Which Moreland Ward?

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**Q3**

**Labor**

Are you a candidate for a political party? Which Party?  
Or are you standing as an Independent candidate?

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**Q4**

If you are receiving campaign funding for this election, who are you receiving funding from? (list all or state 'None')

Donations from friends and family.

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**Q5**

**North West Ward**

Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:

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**Q6**

What are your other connections to Moreland wards

I am a community advocate in

**South Ward, North East Ward**

Other (please specify) If you have other connections to Moreland, please state the ward(s) and the connection(s) briefly in 100 characters.

I have a strong connection to Greek cultural clubs in Brunswick and Coburg. I have been in youth committees and taught traditional dance.

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### Q7

Triple bottom line accounting brings to account three domains that we need for a good life. They are economic, environmental and social which includes health. Do you commit as a Councillor for Council to use triple bottom line accounting on all Council infrastructure projects and will you try to ensure that climate emergency is embedded in every Manager's performance plan?

(no label)

**Agree Strongly**

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### Q8

Transport: Upfield Rail Upgrade - Problems with parking and traffic congestion, capacity issues of public transport (once the pandemic passes) necessitate solutions for upgrading the Upfield Line. According to Infrastructure Australia, the northern region Transport Corridor will reach and exceed capacity in the next decade. Will you support duplication and extension of the Upfield rail line to Craigieburn and Wallan for provision of a more reliable and frequent rail service catering for the growing population in Moreland and residents in new growth suburbs further north?

(no label)

**Strongly Agree**

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### Q9

Transport: Tram Network Extension: As a Councillor will you support ongoing advocacy for the Victorian State Government to extend the No 58 West Coburg Tram along Derby street in Pascoe Vale, and No 19 North Coburg tram routes further north along Sydney Road to Campbellfield?

(no label)

**Strongly Agree**

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### Q10

Transport: Mode shift - What actions will you be pushing for to facilitate a mode shift to more sustainable modes of transport in Moreland as part of, or beyond, Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS), including changes to parking restrictions, increasing public transport advocacy, cycling and walking infrastructure?

I will be pushing for increasing infrastructure for cycling and walking; and have been and will continue to advocate for public transport upgrades. However, I do have issues with the MITS policy as it stands - the consequence of it is that it unfairly impacts those who, to no fault of their own, rely on a car. Taking such a punitive approach to residential parking is unfair and needs to be reviewed.

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### Q11

Heat Vulnerability: Large sections of Moreland's north are at the extreme end of the Heat Vulnerability Index, meaning residents are very susceptible to global warming. What will you do to address this beyond existing policies, including Moreland Urban Heat Island Effect Action Plan (Word Doc 48MB), Moreland Urban Forest Strategy 2017-2017 (PDF 9MB), Cooling the Upfield Corridor Action Plan?

I'm very supportive of these policies and will make sure they continue to be implemented.

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### Q12

Waste Management. Moreland aims to be a leading council in sustainable waste management, yet its rate of diverting waste to organics and recycling sits just above the state average. What will you do to help Moreland in the rollout of the Food and Garden Organics Collection Service, and achieve Moreland's 2030 zero waste to landfill target as part of Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0?

I believe we need to publicise this scheme more to residents who have had green bins for a while as they aren't all aware.

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### Q13

Energy Efficiency and Renewables. Moreland has a goal of “Efficient and 100% renewably powered energy”. Yet Moreland has one of Victoria’s lowest uptake of solar PV. How can Moreland “walk the talk” on renewable energy and meet the community goals set in the Zero Carbon Moreland – Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020/21 – 2024/25?

We need to publicise schemes from the State Govt, as they have Solar programs. We can lead by example in making sure council buildings are using renewable energy.

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### Q14

Pollution and litter: How will you educate and incentivise business in industrial zones (especially in the North East Ward) to avoid pollution and litter from entering our drains and our creek systems?

Better monitoring and evaluation processes to make sure we have proper data on the situation and create better transparency.

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### Q15

Supporting business and the environment as part of Covid RecoveryWhat actions will you take to help Council promote environmentally sustainable jobs as part of a Covid recovery such as by possible development of large abandoned sites for a sustainability hub (such as former Kangan TAFE automotive campus)? How else will you advocate for supporting small business Covid recovery that includes environmental co-benefits?

I think council can play a big role in assisting businesses to move to more energy efficient sources to cut costs - like solar.

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### Q16

Food SecurityHow would you address food security in Moreland beyond the existing Moreland Food System Strategy? (including as a part of the clean Covid recovery)?

I will work to create more community gardens and shared spaces that people can come together and grow produce.

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Food Security. The IPCC Special Report on Land and Climate Change Summary for Policy makers (2020) articulates major emissions reduction can be achieved from adopting a primarily plant based diet (B6.2). Will you advocate for public health policies that promote proper nutrition and dietary change by Moreland residents as per the IPCC (C2.4)?

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### Q18

Buildings, Biodiversity and Urban cooling: What would you do as a Councillor to ensure that with new building developments, Moreland has sufficient vegetation cover to contribute to biodiversity outcomes and urban cooling beyond existing policies in the Urban Forest Strategy, Moreland Nature Plan, and the Achieving Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0 project?

I think this is such an important issue and will work to create more tree canopy coverage and protect our flora and fauna.

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### Q19

Cement Emissions. Use of Portland Cement contributes to 8% of global emissions. Alternative low emissions/zero emission cement products are available at reasonably competitive rates. Will you commit to amending Moreland Council Procurement policy sustainability filter to purchase low carbon/zero emissions cement/concrete products?

(no label)

**Agree with Reservations**

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### Q20

Climate Citizen Assemblies: Under the new Local Government Act 2020 (community engagement policy), all councils in Victoria are required to use deliberative practices for the development of their Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan and Asset Plan, at the bare minimum. The gold standard of this kind of democratic, deliberative practice is a Citizens' Assembly. So, will you support such a democratic framework for Council's climate emergency response by establishing a Citizens' Assembly?

(no label)

**Agree with reservations**

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### Q21

What are your top four priorities for the Council Plan to be formulated for 2021-2025.

Priority 1	<b>Improving community welling through social activities and health initiatives</b>
Priority 2	<b>Improving access and funded to childcare, maternal health and aged care services</b>
Priority 3	<b>Protecting our natural environment.</b>
Priority 4	<b>Social housing and community infrastructure projects</b>

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### Q22

Do you have any other comments on Council Climate Leadership and Advocacy (include any actions you have taken on this)? Do you have any supplementary comments relating to the questions above, comments on other issues related to climate change not covered, or comments on climate change generally?

I am passionate about combating climate change. As someone with a public health background I am aware of not only the health, but social and of course environmental issues. However as we move to deal with climate change, I will ensure that local policies do not intentionally or unintentionally impact those who are most disadvantaged.

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