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Q1

Candidate Name

Praveen Kumar

Q2

North West Ward

Contesting Which Moreland Ward?

Q3

Labor

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

Q4

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

As an endorsed candidate, the Labor Party provides support but not in the form of cash funds which are gathered through community fund raising

Q5

North West Ward

Connections to Moreland Wards. I am a resident in:

Q6

What are your other connections to Moreland wards

I am an employer in **North West Ward**

I am self-employed in **North West Ward**

I am a community advocate in **North West Ward**

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

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

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

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?

Moreland Labor supports sustainable modes of transport advocacy but does not support the MITS as it is a punitive approach which is not inclusive of a diverse community and penalises those who are less able. The MITS sets sustainable transport options in competition with each other and is and will have long term detrimental impacts on our urban amenity. In fact it discriminates against members of our community and those from other communities who contribute to ours through work or commerce. Carbon footprint should not be measured on the contribution of one sector but rather as a holistic approach .

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?

We as Moreland Labor team are extremely supportive of these plans and believe they should be extended and developed further. In addition there are other measures that could be developed including alternative energy options and funding for more infrastructure investments by all levels of government to help members of our community to take up alternative options

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?

We support this goal but again believe it requires community education and support to include the diverse needs and capabilities of our community. The Food and Garden organics collection Service may need more regular collection to ensure hygiene issues are complied with particularly in the summer months

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?

There needs to be more subsidies for people to take up Solar PV. Also there needs to be more education within community about the financial and health benefits involved. We absolutely support this goal in our policy working towards a carbon neutral community. There needs to be more support in terms of information and mentoring in addition to consideration of the varying concerns. Design and passive solar is able to have a significant impact in reducing emissions.

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?

Proper education programs with supervision ,interaction and support will assist to avoid pollution and litter entering our drains and our creek systems

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?

Developing and increasing the services of the Business Incubation Hub to the North of Moreland to help assist new entrepreneurs to establish and help establish businesses to flourish. Encourage and provide grants to businesses that adopt environmentally friendly practices

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)?

Provision of more educational programs in various languages to help diverse communities to be involved in the. Providing additional funding for community groups to reach out to diverse groups will help

Q17

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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)?

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?

Passive solar is crucial in design including outside sun deflection and inclusion responding to seasonal changes. Facilities should be provided to be less energy dependent such as alternative clothes drying facility. Also council need to assist new developments to take up designs that help Biodiversity and Urban cooling

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)

Strongly Agree

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)

Strongly Agree

Q21

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

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| Priority 1 | Promoting initiatives for a Local environment recovery |
| Priority 2 | Encourage sustainable development |
| Priority 3 | Advocate for funding services such as Childcare, mental Health services and quality aged care |
| Priority 4 | Oppose unfair parking changes and advocate for more safety and safety |

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

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?
