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Candidate Questionnaire, Whitehorse Council Elections – October 2024

Name of Councillor candidate: [Tina Liu](#)

Whitehorse Council Ward: [Sparks Ward](#)

The *Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group Inc. (CROWAG)* represents a number of community groups and individual members across the municipality. In the current COVID-19 environment we are seeking to assist candidates to reach our members, helping them to make informed decisions when they vote.

CROWAG advocates for appropriate and sustainable development concerning built-form, public amenity, and the natural landscape within Whitehorse to all tiers of government. It seeks to promote the quality of life for residents and the natural landscape of Whitehorse. It lobbies Whitehorse Council to improve its relationship with its constituents in the areas of public accountability, public transparency, good governance, community engagement, fairness and equity.

Your responses to this questionnaire will be made available:

- a. to all CROWAG individual and group members and their networks within Whitehorse
- b. on the CROWAG website at www.crowag.com

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Please answer all questions and keep written responses to each question to less than 150 words.

1. How long have you been a resident of Whitehorse?

- 0-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- 20+ years

2. Do you live in the council ward for which you are a candidate?

Yes or No

3. List the community, political and/or professional organisations with which you are a member during the last 10 years.

Elgar Contact
Whitehorse Manningham Library Corporation
Eastern Transport Coalition
Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action
Whitehorse Business Group
Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills
Melbourne Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce
Asian Business Association of Whitehorse
Australian Institute of Company Directors

4. What positive achievements resulted from your membership of these groups?

It has given me the opportunity to gain an even deeper understanding of the diverse needs of our community, a platform to better advocate for Whitehorse and implement improved governance practices. Some of my achievements include improving: Council processes and community engagement, safety and connectivity, amenity/facility/service upgrades, better planning outcomes including elevating environmentally sustainable design provisions, tree canopy protection, more green open spaces, environmental sustainability initiatives such as the introduction of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service to Whitehorse and energy efficient initiatives and health and wellbeing programs.

5. Please state what you want to achieve as an elected Councillor

As a community-centred leader – I bring genuine engagement, experience, political independence, diversity of thought and professionalism to the role. I want to ensure that Whitehorse is connected, healthy, vibrant, sustainable and resilient, supported by a Council with great governance and sound financial management. My focus is on improving liveability, accessibility and environmental sustainability in our municipality, ensuring that there is a more balanced and holistic approach when it comes to addressing growth in our area.

6. What are the top five issues you believe could improve the functioning of the *Whitehorse City Council* in representing its ratepayers and community?

It is crucial that the community is informed and engaged. I am a firm believer in meaningful and accessible community engagement and consultation. An informed community is an empowered community. This also allows us (as elected representatives) to better serve the residents and ratepayers that we represent.

9. The following Issues of specific interest to CROWAG.

In the boxes below, please **rank the priority of the areas of interest** in order of importance **to you** from 1 (Most important) to 10 (Least important). Please do not use the same ranking number more than once.

TINA'S NOTE TO READERS: For question 9, I have not ranked the below items – please see my explanation/comments for doing so in Question 10.

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| Rank | Engagement with residents and ratepayers |
| Rank | Transparency and governance in council matters |
| Rank | Managing Climate Change and Sustainability. |
| Rank | Administrative and budgetary efficiency. |
| Rank | Retaining council oversight for planning and development |
| Rank | Speeding up Planning and development by reducing council oversight. |
| Rank | Advocating for the Federation Brickworks site to be parkland |
| Rank | Enhancing the city's natural landscape, parks, tree canopy, streetscape, and overarching neighbourhood amenity |
| Rank | Improvement of Infrastructure for walkers, cyclists, and people with disabilities |
| Rank | Managing traffic and parking |

10. If you have any further comments please note them below:

I have not ranked the issues for questions 9. I believe each point is important and holds merit. Council needs to take a balanced and practical approach, with input from the community to shape and determine key priorities. Community groups such as CROWAG continue to provide invaluable input in relation to local issues and how we can work together to improve our municipality. I encourage the ongoing dialogue and feedback. Community groups/residents are also welcome to contact me: tina@tina-liu.com / 0433 822 587. For more information about my advocacy and what I stand for, please visit: tina-liu.com

Thank you for completing the CROWAG questionnaire.

Please save your completed questionnaire and send by 6th September as an attachment by email to 'Whitehorse Councillor Candidate Responses' at:
crowag.inc@gmail.com