Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Whittlesea City Council By-election 2025	
WARD (if applicable)	Lalor Ward	
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	UPRETY, Samu	

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)* my vision for our municipality is to build a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community where every resident feels heard, supported, and empowered. I am committed to fostering transparent governance, encahacing local services, and promoting economic growth while preserving our unique environment and heritage.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor? *Provide details (maximum 50 words)*

I've served our community since 2019 as an executive member and Treasurer(2024-2026), gaining leadership and financial management experience. As a health science student specialising in Public Health, I understand community needs and healthcare benefits. i'm committed to using this knowledge to support and improve our municipality effectively.

Have you read the current Council Plan for the council named above?	Yes
Have you read the current Councillor Code of Conduct for the council named above?	Yes
Are you endorsed by a registered political party? Note: Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002. If yes, provide the name of the registered political party.	No
Are you currently a Councillor?	No
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office?	
Note: Council meetings means Council meetings referred to in section 61 of the Local Government Act 2020 but does not include meetings held for which a Councillor has been granted leave from attending by the Council.	

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