

Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Whittlesea City Council By-election 2026
WARD (if applicable)	Thomastown Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	PAOLA, Joseph

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)*

A thriving community is a safe, inclusive place for all our residents. I wish to improve safety and access around our local roads, our schools zones , our shopping precincts and in and around our local parks while improving existing structures around both family and mental health supports.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?

Provide details (maximum 50 words)

Professional experience in community disability and mental health support services, coupled with an active role in school governance and grassroots local advocacy demonstrate my passion and long standing commitment to fostering prosperous, safe, engaged and inclusive communities.

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: <i>Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002.</i> 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: <i>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.</i>	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> josefpowla@yahoo.com.au	

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