

Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Kingston City Council By-election 2026
WARD (if applicable)	Melaleuca Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	BUFALO, Nicholas

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)
 My vision is for a connected, inclusive community where everyone can feel like they belong. A community is more than a collection of addresses—it's built through interaction and participation. Communities thrive when people are heard, respected, and given meaningful opportunities to contribute and connect.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?
Provide details (maximum 50 words)
 I bring strong financial and governance experience, managing budgets and financial decisions for both my own business and the big-budget projects I deliver. My Board of Management experience has provided valuable governance insight, while my volunteer work reinforces my commitment to community wellbeing and achieving positive local outcomes.

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? <small>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.</small>	No
Are you currently a Councillor?	No
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? <small>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.</small>	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> nicholasbufalo@gmail.com	

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