

Notice of Motion: Cr Jackie Watts, Electoral Transparency, Disclosure of positions and beneficial interests

Motion

1. That Council:
 - 1.1. Recommends that candidates in the 2020 City of Melbourne Council elections voluntarily disclose the following information for publication.
 - 1.1.1. The name of any company or other body corporate or un-incorporated in which the candidate holds an office as a director or otherwise.
 - 1.1.2. The name or description of any company or body in which the candidate hold a beneficial interest.
 - 1.2. Notes that as a service to constituents, the publisher of Docklands News/CBD News/Southbank News has agreed to accurately record disclosed information provided by candidates via the email address admin@hyperlocalnews.com.au

Background

2. This motion seeks to provide for greater transparency and awareness of interests and positions held by candidates in the upcoming Council elections.
3. The areas covered in this motion address a small selection of mandatory transparency measures to be introduced across local government in Victoria. These will come into effect following the election period.
4. Consequently, an optimum level of transparency will not be available to constituents when they vote in the forthcoming elections.
5. Transparency in relation to interests and positions held by candidates is likely to be valuable information for constituents to access prior to voting in the forthcoming elections.

Moved by: Cr Jackie Watts

Seconded by: Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood