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1. Many newcomers and marginalized folks, including Chinese seniors and families, use and frequent community centres to stay active and involved. Some community centres are located in neighbourhoods with high concentrations of the Chinese community such as the Kanata Recreation Centre, Richcraft Recreation Complex (Kanata), Minto Recreation Complex (Barrhaven), Walter Baker Sports Centre, Plant Recreation Centre, McNabb Community Centre and more. How will you ensure these community centres are accessible to [those who do not speak or read the dominant languages](#), being English or French?

\* I would support better efforts on the part of City of Ottawa departments to inform the Chinese community of the services available, including advertising in local print newspapers (maybe the Epoch Times?) and social media sites where it would be effective.

2. a) This fall, numerous bus routes were changed and shortened to encourage LRT transfers. The LRT has since been delayed to Winter of 2019. Shortened routes like that of the [#11](#) that passes through Somerset St. West and the Chinatown area impact the Chinese community, including seniors, where additional transfers and shortages may affect their accessibility to and from destinations. What will you do to address these issues while the LRT is delayed and while the LRT is operating?

\* The bus routes should never have been changed when insiders knew that delays to the launch of LRT were unavoidable. The changes should be rolled back and not just “tweaked.” We need cheaper and more reliable public transit for everyone and I don’t feel Mayor Watson and the other developer-funded incumbents have done a good job of providing it.

b) How will you engage customers whose dominant language is not English or French in public consultations regarding issues such as bus route changes, [town halls](#) and [customer feedback](#)?

\* When possible there should be interpreters or “whisperers” present at public consultations like town halls. More resources are needed to do a better job of serving the communication needs of Chinese residents.

c) What will you do to ensure that OC Transpo’s services are more affordable and accessible for low-income folks?

\* I support an even more affordable EquiPass while we move towards a goal of free transit service for everyone.

3. Current [Rideau Raceway casino ads](#) are targeting the Chinese community in Ottawa with orientalist graphics and advertisements written entirely in Chinese characters. Gambling is a social activity ingrained in Chinese culture and is also a common problem within the community. How will you ensure that the community is not being unfairly targeted for gambling? What will you do to also challenge the stereotypes and racial bias that is prevalent in the city and that Chinese Canadians continue to face?

\* I wasn’t aware of this unfair targeting and I will do my best to put an end to it. On racial bias at City Hall: I support the goals and suggestions of CAWI. In order to have City staff and managers representative of Ottawa’s population we need increased hiring and advancement of people from equity-seeking groups.

4. Post-amalgamation, the City of Ottawa has [never had a Black, East or Southeast Asian councillor on city council](#). What will you do to ensure that marginalized groups have the same opportunity and chance to be involved in municipal politics as others do?

\* For fairer and friendlier elections that would ensure that city council was more representative of its residents we need ranked-choice voting and an end to the role that big money plays. Developer-funded politicians like Jim Watson, Rick Chiarelli, Allan Hubley, etc. do NOT deserve your vote.

5. Chinatown has been experiencing gentrification for years. Newer development is pushing out lower income families and local businesses, changing its landscape and affordability. Chinatown is not only a home to many, but a hub for those from the Chinese community living in other wards to come together to reconnect with food, family and history. How will you ensure that

affordable housing and suitable businesses remain while retaining the history and heart of the neighbourhood?

\* I support inclusionary zoning of 25% to boost the supply of affordable housing and vigorous measures to combat the gentrification that threatens Ottawa's Chinatown. No more inappropriate 65-storey towers that ignore the voices of the community as expressed through community design plans!

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