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Occupation: Principal Planner with the City of Brandon (on leave to campaign for council)

Position applied for: City Councillor, Ward 2

Why are you running for city council?

My family and I are proud to live, work, and play in Ward 2. I am an urban planner with nearly a decade of public service experience. I am a strategic thinker and consensus builder who thrives on bringing people together to get things done. As the City's Principal Planner, I collaborated across departments, led the development of Brandon's 30-year City Plan, and partnered with community groups and the development industry to advance social and economic initiatives.

Ward 2 is a special place with so much diversity in housing, activities, amenities and people. Like many core neighbourhoods across North America, Ward 2 faces complex challenges such as safety, drug use, housing stability, and business retention. These issues require strategic alignment and community-wide collaboration, two areas where I have significant experience.

Many people don't realize Ward 2 is more than downtown. It includes Assiniboine Gardens - the area between the CP rail line and the Assiniboine River - a growing community experiencing significant change and deserving of meaningful engagement and investment.

My commitment is to listen, to work alongside residents, and to help make Ward 2 a neighbourhood we are all proud of.

#SpeakUpBrandon - because every effort to move the needle matters.