

## 2008 Civic Election Candidate Survey

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Last Name	First Name	Party	Do you agree that municipal property taxes for businesses in Vancouver are too high?	Do you agree that municipal property taxes for businesses in Vancouver impede their growth and ability to create employment?	Are you in favour of a long-term solution that brings commercial municipal property tax rates in line with regional and national averages?	If elected, will you vote to retain the 1% tax shift annually over the next five years as recommended by the Tax Policy Review Commission and passed by Vancouver city council in March 2008?	Do you agree that all Vancouver property tax rates are too high?	If so, will you support a plan to limit the 2009 budget to 2008 levels?	Do you support the appointment of an independent economist to provide city council with economic impact analysis of major initiatives and projects prior to city council consideration and approval?	Would you like to share your views on these questions with our members?
<b>Anton</b>	<b>Suzanne</b>	NPA	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	The NPA has supported business by shifting taxes from businesses to residents. This has been a significant political challenge, but we believe that inequity needed to be addressed.
<b>Ball</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>	NPA	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	6. Citizens have told us that they wish to maintain services and pay employees fairly. Therefore, it is only reasonable to respect those wishes while keeping taxes as low as possible. 7. The City has the opportunity to request information and analysis from business leaders and financial experts through the Vancouver Economic Development Commission. City staff receives financial advice from independent economists.
<b>Bickerton</b>	<b>Sean</b>	NPA	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	I believe in fiscally responsible government that preserves the ability of the city to continue delivering crucial services, years into the future.
<b>Capri</b>	<b>Kim</b>	NPA	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	To make necessary taxation corrections in one year, the new council would not allow enough time for detailed analysis required and has the potential to be unduly harsh. The NPA's taxation plan is to set a limit of 3 years - allowing for appropriate planning.
<b>Copeland</b>	<b>Leanore</b>	NPA	YES	No Answer	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	
<b>Geller</b>	<b>Michael</b>	NPA	YES	No Answer	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	These questions demonstrate an appropriate level of interest in the impact of taxes and economic impact considerations of council decisions. I am running for the NPA because I believe this party has an equal appreciation of the importance of such matters.
<b>Houghton</b>	<b>Korina</b>	NPA	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	

<b>Ladner</b>	<b>Peter</b>	NPA	YES	No Answer	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	Having a city economist would simply add a layer of bureaucracy that wouldn't produce direct benefits for taxpayers. Freezing taxes across the board would cripple some essential city services at a time when citizens are calling city hall for more police, the biggest single departmental increase. Salaries are locked into increases that couldn't be contained even with a long strike last year. The key to lower taxes is containing spending. The introduction of 311 phone service will lead to restructuring of city operations to deliver greater efficiencies. The NPA will be setting a tax target and holding spending within that ceiling.
<b>Lee</b>	<b>David</b>	NPA	YES	No Answer	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	
<b>Sidhu</b>	<b>Daljit</b>	NPA	YES	No Answer	YES	YES	NO	NO	No Answer	
<b>Wong</b>	<b>Kanman</b>	NPA	YES	No Answer	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	
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<b>Robertson</b>	<b>Gregor</b>	VISION	YES	NO	YES	YES*	YES	NO	NO	Vision Vancouver is committed to a 1% tax shift every year of our mandate (3 years). We are not committing to a five-year period as the term of office is for three years only. Vision Vancouver remains committed to supporting businesses and the challenges they face.
<b>Deal</b>	<b>Heather</b>	VISION	YES	NO	YES	YES*	YES	NO	NO	
<b>Stevenson</b>	<b>Tim</b>	VISION	YES	NO	YES	YES*	YES	NO	NO	
<b>Louie</b>	<b>Raymond</b>	VISION	YES	NO	YES	YES*	YES	NO	NO	
<b>Chow</b>	<b>George</b>	VISION	YES	NO	YES	YES*	YES	NO	NO	
<b>Meggs</b>	<b>Geoff</b>	VISION	YES	NO	YES	YES*	YES	NO	NO	
<b>Reimer</b>	<b>Andrea</b>	VISION	YES	NO	YES	YES*	YES	NO	NO	
<b>Jang</b>	<b>Kerry</b>	VISION	YES	NO	YES	YES*	YES	NO	NO	
<b>Dhaliwal</b>	<b>Kashmir</b>	VISION	YES	NO	YES	YES*	YES	NO	NO	
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<b>Cadman</b>	<b>David</b>	COPE	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	Over the next five years, the NPA wants to shift \$23.8 million in taxes -- at one per cent per year -- onto residential homeowners. Since 2005, the NPA have already hiked taxes 15 percent for homeowners. Vancouver now has a single business tax class that doesn't differentiate between giant corporations and big-box retailers, and small mom-and-pop stores. COPE will: Work with the Provincial Government to create a small-business tax class that can protect small businesses, while ensuring corporations pay their fair share; oppose any further tax shift from business to residential property owners.
<b>Woodsworth</b>	<b>Ellen</b>	COPE	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	No Answer	

\*Support for next 3 years