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Questions to ask Municipal & School Board Candidates

Sometimes, it's not automatically clear which candidates we should be encouraging our local CUPE members to vote for. To help, we've designed this short list of questions you may want to put to those candidates you are considering supporting.

1. Why are you running in this election?
2. Have you ever been involved in a community-based campaign to:
 - Keep local services public?
 - Improve the level or quality of local services?
3. Have you ever given support to local workers who:
 - Have been laid off/lost their job?
 - Are striking to achieve a new contract?
 - Experienced discrimination or harassment by an employer?
 - Are mobilizing to protect services or increase funding from provincial or federal governments for your community?
4. Would you be willing to work with front line municipal/school board workers who are protecting local services?
5. What is your opinion on taxes? What about unions?
6. What is your opinion of public sector workers (particularly, municipal and school board workers) and the contribution they make to your community?
 - Should municipal and school board front line workers be consulted on decisions that may affect the quality and delivery of public services? How and when?
7. What is your opinion on the contracting-out or privatization of public services (i.e. public money supporting private enterprise for profit)?
8. Do you think public assets, like hydro and water utilities and schools, should be sold off to generate revenue for a municipality or a school board?
9. What policies and/or programs would you initiate to maintain and enhance public services?
10. If you were a Councillor/Trustee during the last term, how did you vote on contracting-out municipal/school board services?
11. What role should a municipal councillor/trustee play when representing your community in discussions/meetings with provincial government representatives?
12. What qualifications and personal qualities do you possess that would be beneficial to the citizens of this community?



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