

Kelowna Capital News invites you to submit a biography and detail your most pressing need in Kelowna for publication ahead of the 2026 municipal election.

Your bio and answer must **total** a maximum of 300 words combined, not 300 words for each response. Responses will be edited for length and clarity.

For this election, all provided answers will be published online at www.kelownacapnews.com in the Top News and Election sections. However, due to space restrictions, the answers will not be published in print.

All candidates receive the same questions, word count, and the deadline of Oct. 1.

1. Biography/Why are you running?

ANSWER: Why? Simply put, to give back to the community I love. After discussion with my family, I am excited to put my hat back in the ring and ask for your vote to help me help Kelowna thrive in the midst of complex challenges (16 page downloadable platform at lovegrovekelowna.ca). Founding Professor, UBC Okanagan School of Engineering, 2005. Incumbent Kelowna Councillor, 2022-present. As I door knock, business owners & residents are thankful that I want to continue on Council, there is much more work to do. They appreciate my friendly innovative style, and my practical engineering approach & leadership on Council toward positive change (e.g., saving Pioneer Gardens; pushing for Valley Rail).

2. The most important topic that needs to be addressed in Kelowna, and what would you go about dealing with it?

ANSWER: The number one issue I am hearing: We all want compassionate solutions to homelessness, mental health challenges & addictions. We also expect our neighbourhoods, parks, businesses and public spaces to be safe. Many residents and businesses feel disconnected with City decisions, slow progress, & lack of responsiveness to repeated calls for help. Compassion and public safety aren't competing objectives. We need both. Since 2018, I have called for mandatory (in-voluntary) Provincial, compassionate care for the 2/3 of unhoused people that are so addicted and/or mentally ill they are dangerous to themselves and others, at a secure purpose-built facility such as the ¾ empty OCC with proper retrofits. For the other 1/3 of unhoused people seeking a helping hand up, I continue to support creating pathways with IHA, Indigenous, Provincial, & CMHA partners (e.g., HEART & HEARTH) to stabilize and re-integrate them back into society as productive citizens and workers, a 30:1 ROI. I will push for a compassionate campus of care that includes a relocated KGM shelter; transition housing; on-site case workers, dental & health care; and, as they stabilize, get trained & re-integrate into society, permanent cohousing.