

2016 Scorecard for Gabba Ward Candidates

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PARKS AND GREEN SPACE			
<i>Reinstatement and delivery of 7 parks included in the Local Area Plan.</i>			
No Response	*	No Response	"I support the zoning and gazetting of all 7 parks." (Provides 6 strategies for implementing this support.)
<i>Endorsement of the Green Space Strategy</i>			
No Response	*	"I'm really excited by the concepts presented in the Green Space Strategy.... I'm committed to working with the community to fin green space through a Green Space Strategy for The Gabba."	"I wholeheartedly endorse the principles, elements and strategic approach of the 4101 Green Space Strategy, subject to detailed planning by council."
<i>Endorsement of the Community Design for the Thomas Street Park</i>			
To support the community design for the Thomas Street Park the candidate requires that "entire community would need to be consulted".	On the proviso that there is 65% support in the Community as measured by the People Decide website/software.	"... the Thomas Street park was supposed to begin construction this month with the design the Council created... Addressing this design would be a priority ... - time is of the essence."	I will happily endorse and work to implement the results of the 350-person community design process. However, I will use ... my office to help involve even more people in the ... process."
<i>Provision of a universal toilet at Thomas St Park</i>			
To support the provision of a universal toilet the candidate requires that "entire community would need to be consulted".	*	No Response	"I will push for a universal access self-cleaning toilet block in the park". Will also seek the installation of 2 public showers.
<i>Endorsement of the retaining of the existing kiosk at People's Park</i>			
On the proviso that "the community wishes"	*	No Response	"I am pleased to endorse retaining and renovating the existing kiosk and toilet block."
DEVELOPMENT			
<i>Enforcement of the Local Area Plan (LAP), the South Brisbane Riverside Neighbourhood Plan (SBRNP)</i>			
"There is misunderstanding in the community about development assessment. It needs to be flexible in the performance based planning scheme."	*	"A Rod Harding Labor Council will fix City Plan and stick to it." Enforcement of the Local Area Plan is not specified	Support is pledged for specific aspects of the LAP in response to other specific questions but general support for the entire LAP is not specified.
<i>Support for affordable housing</i>			
No Response	*	No Response	"City Plan be amended to include a requirement that 20% of new developments must be affordable housing." Suggest other methods for maintaining lower rents.
<i>Retention of public assets/ land</i>			
No Response	*	No Response	"I will strongly resist privatisation of public assets. Will seek to utilise BCC owned land as green space."
<i>Ensuring the Absoe site complies with the Local Area Plan</i>			
No Response	*	"The Absoe site is a very significant one for our community. Any plans for this site need to adhere to the SBRNP and City Plan."	"I'll fight hard on this. I believe that from a strategic perspective, it might be most effective to focus on pressuring the minister to call in this development if Council approves it."

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Ensuring the <i>Distance Education site</i> complies with the Local Area Plan			
No Response	*	"The same applies to the Distance Education" (Any plans for this site need to adhere to the SBRNP and City Plan.)	"Yes". Also suggests support for a green bridge to Toowong to reduce the need for additional supermarket on this development site.
TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT & MOBILITY			
Provision of an <i>Integrated Traffic Management Plan</i>			
	*	Yes. Details of some options to be included were listed.	"Yes".
Strategies to increase <i>active transport</i>			
"Cycling, walking & public transport remain integral components to (sic) development in the South Brisbane and West End areas."	*	"Labor is committed to bringing light rail back to Brisbane with pedestrian/cycle access on a bridge across to UQ." Also cites ALP policy of 'Fare Free Friday' to encourage public transport usage.	"I will support ... barrier-separated bike lanes on major roads, cheaper public transport, more late-night & weekend public transport services, a green bridge to Toowong, more (facilities) along key pedestrian routes
Strategies for <i>commuter & construction parking</i>			
No Response	*	"Some residents have discussed extending the 2P parking area ... This will require extensive consultation as there are challenges as well as benefits"	"I will support ... better enforcement, stronger regulations & higher fees to discourage private companies blocking footpaths." Supports requiring construction companies to provide their own parking facilities.
Reduction of <i>speed limits & improved safety</i>			
No Response	*	No Response	"I will support reducing speed limits, barrier-separated bike lanes, more pedestrian crossings, extending no parking zones around narrow street corners, floating bus stops, traffic calming"
EVENTS			
Ongoing <i>financial support</i> for local community events			
"I would continue for funding for these events in the Ward as well as fund local events through local funds allocated for the ... Ward."	*	"I am very supportive of these wonderful community events (organised by WECA) ..."	"Yes"
Support reduction of <i>fees and costs</i> of events			
No Response	*	"... should I be elected, I would commit to assisting to reduce costs wherever I can."	"I will also fight to relax council's insurance requirements for non-profit community events."
LOCAL COMMERCIAL RETAIL			
Development of actions to support a <i>thriving independent business</i> community			
"To continue (to see the Ward retaining its character while growing) ... we must have a reliable plan to welcome not just urban renewal but students, tourism, digital connectivity and major events."	*	Cites ALP policy to create "an Office of Economic Development (currently a function of Brisbane Marketing) and a \$12 million 'Energising Suburban Villages'.	"I will also fight to ensure that retail space is specially zoned so that priority is given to local small businesses over large chain stores."

* The **People Decide Party's** platform is entirely focused on the process of making decisions. Specifically, they propose surveying of all residents on all issues through their website/ software, Peopledecide.aug.au. On one issue the candidate has foreshadowed a criterion for decision making, namely greater than or equal to 65% support.