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Alberta Liberal Party candidate Khalil Karbani survey* responses in red.

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* Per Elections Alberta we acknowledge our survey is not a poll and was not based on recognized statistical methods.

Long Term Care

1. *Will you and your party support opening more publicly funded and publicly delivered long term care spaces, and if so, how many?*

Currently, there are nearly 500 people are in our hospitals who would be better served with community and long-term care services. We urgently need additional long-term care spaces. I would, at a minimum, seek to institute an additional 2,000 long term care spaces and then seek to review if we need additional spaces. Long term care spaces will provide better care for patients while making our health care system more efficient. The NDP have failed to act on this promise as well as may other promises made during the election.

2. *What will you do if elected to hold the government accountable to their promise for 2,000 new public long term care beds?*

We will continue to press the current government to immediately focus on opening the 2,000 new public long term care beds which they promised. This will save millions each year and provide superior care as compared to hospitals. If elected, I will be lobbying the minister of health by virtue of my position. I will also hold the government to account in public question periods. Finally, I will consider introducing a private members bill to put important health care issues on the legislative agenda.

3. *Do you and your party support public dollars ending up in the profit margins of private care corporations like Extencare and Points West Living? How will you and your party work to end this practice?*

Liberal Khalil Karbani response:

Public dollars should never fund abnormal profits of a private corporation. At the same time, public-private partnerships can be very helpful in building health infrastructure but only if the conditions favor the public in the long-term. In addition, any such partnerships must be aligned with medicare principals, and these principals need to include seniors care.



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Home Care

1. *Will you and your party support the expansion of publicly delivered home care services, and if so, to what degree?*

Expanded home care services are a cornerstone of the Liberal plan to reduce hospital and emergency room wait times and utilization. It is vital to support people where they are most comfortable and provide active and preventative monitoring to keep them well.

2. *If elected how will you hold the government accountable on their promise for expanded public home care?*

Along with Albertans and organizations like Friends of Medicare, I will continue to demand better leadership and more efficient use of our public funds. This is our most expensive healthcare budget and public home care will be integral to using our healthcare budget effectively.

Health Care Funding and Provincial Revenues

1. *Do you and your party support expanding the services covered under universal health care?*

In the current economic climate it is difficult to envisage adding new broad public services such as pharmacare and dental care beyond currently levels, however, there is growing evidence that these programs can be very cost-effective and actually save money for those populations that cannot afford medications and dental care – and these are potential programs which needed to be considered.

2. *Will you and your party advocate for increased revenues to help get Albertans off the resource rollercoaster and to fund expanded health services?*

Alberta needs to economic drivers that are less dependent on oil and gas and this diversification to clean technology and renewable energy will stabilize individual and government revenues. We can do more to find efficiencies in our current healthcare system by moving to prevention and early intervention in populations that are high risk and high cost.

3. *If your party supports cutting health care funding, how much will be cut, and from which areas?*

Investment in long term care, home care and primary care teams will actually reduce our health costs over the long term. In addition to these investments, we need to make our current health care system and budget deliver more for Albertans on a per dollar basis.