



## Lana Bentley, Council Candidate for Ward 6

### What are your priorities for public services in our communities?

Based on a recent citizen engagement survey, approximately 70% of Ward 6 residents see the value in the programs and services delivered by the City of Calgary. To that end, folks in Ward 6 are satisfied with the public services provided at the municipal level. I will work with community members and associations to find out how we can increase satisfaction and perception of value.

### What is your position on private-public partnerships?

I worked in public healthcare for nearly a decade. Working alongside physicians and nurses, I saw firsthand the powerful and life saving impact of well-run public services. I am troubled by rhetoric that seeks to dismantle systems in the interests of short-term cost savings (and sometimes we don't even see cost savings in the short term). As a councillor I will work hard for all the folks in Ward 6, including those whose perspectives differ from my own. I recognize there will be some proponents of private-public partnerships in my community. I do however believe that there is compelling evidence demonstrating the challenges around private-public partnerships and that will inform my decision-making.

### What are your priorities for transportation?

I am a supporter of safe, accessible, public transit. I will be a strong advocate for the timely completion of the Green Line project. Although I am running to represent a Ward in the South, I see the value in this initiative for the City as a whole, particularly our friends and neighbors in the North end of Calgary. Additionally, I support active transportation networks. Folks in Ward 6 have expressed their concerns around the inconsistent maintenance of our pathways (year round). We can do better. The 5A Network Principles provide good guidance for planning and decision making related to transportation.

### Do you support the change in campaign financing laws?

I have no issues with the increases to the personal contribution limit. Additionally I support the changes to the management of campaign surpluses (e.g. surpluses of \$1000+ must be donated to a registered charity).



## Public Interest Alberta

### What is your plan to address housing and homelessness in our communities?

Every Calgarian should have a safe place to call home. I will work collaboratively with other orders of government to address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing more generally. Regarding homelessness, I support the "Housing First" philosophy. Additionally, I believe there is much that we can learn from Calgary's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Specific to Ward 6 I will be a strong advocate for families living in Calgary Housing units. The Enough For All strategy provides some clear and helpful direction around building strong, equitable communities and I intend on using this resource as well as the expertise from other local thought leaders to help us have a just, sustainable, and equitable Ward 6.

### What are your priorities to address the fiscal relationship between the provincial government and municipalities?

We currently send almost 35% of our property tax revenue to the province – by comparison we are only spending 0.48% on affordable housing, a critically important issue at the local level. We need to work with the provincial government to ensure Calgarians are getting a better deal and fair value for the money we contribute. I am a problem solver by nature and will work collaboratively with the provincial government in the best interests of Ward 6.