

SEIU-West Analysis of Support Questions for Candidates Seeking Local Support in an Election (Civic, School Board, Provincial or Federal)

1. What core values do you share with the labour movement – can you tell how these values would correspond with your work as a potential MLA, MP, Councillor or Trustee?
2. What ideas do you have to address the rising cost of living in Saskatchewan (particularly the cost of housing, food, and tuition) so that it is affordable for all working people to live and work here? As a strategy to address making life affordable for all working people, do you support a \$15 minimum wage? Why or why not?
3. How do you believe the province should address the growing education and health care needs of Saskatchewan's increasing population and changed demographics (i.e. increasing number of seniors)?
4. What are your thoughts on the Province's current health care system and does it provide equal and fair access throughout the province? Identify some of the problems with a centralized 'One Health Region' approach? What solutions would you like to see implemented?
5. Do you believe that all students have the classroom resources and personnel they need to succeed in school? What are the barriers and what solutions would you suggest?
6. Given the high rate of WCB injuries for Health Care workers, our growing population and the ever increasing acuity of care requirements of patients and residents, would you be willing to legislate safe staffing levels in our health care system? How would you justify the expense?
7. What is your position on the use of public-private partnerships (P3s) and the contracting out of public services in Saskatchewan and why? Given your position, would you reverse any of the previous contracting out of government services and if so, which ones?
8. Describe the sections of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act (SEA)* specific to Labour Unions that you think may have weakened worker's bargaining power and the ability for workers to join a union? Would you support amendments to the *SEA*, and if so in what way, to restore the balance of power and ensure workers' rights are better protected?
9. What ideas do you have to address climate change, and ensure Saskatchewan is positioned to prosper in a world where fossil fuels play a much smaller role?
10. Do you support a fair and just shift to renewable energy? Specifically, how would you ensure that affected workers have opportunities for retraining, relocation, and re-employment while ensuring that new green jobs are also good jobs, with benefits and living wages?
11. How should the Province better implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission 94 Calls to Action and why is this important?

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12. Do you support a change to provincial government funding strategy within the community based sector to ensure multi-year funding is implemented and how would you rationalize this change?