

**Here are the aspiring mayors and councillors who want your vote this October
Candidates for office were queuing up right to the last minute to register for this fall's municipal
election.**

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The race is on!

Nominations are closed for the 2018 city election Oct. 22. A final city clerk sign-off on candidate eligibility is expected July 30.

We asked all the council and mayoral candidates we could reach some basic questions to kick off our campaign coverage. In some cases, we added known facts that were not provided.

We'll add responses online from candidates we didn't immediately reach, and other updates, throughout the campaign.

Ward 1

Name: Lyla Miklos:

Age: 43

Current job: Education worker, lay chaplain, publicist, broadcast journalist, vocalist

Past political/relevant experience: Various union positions including political action chair, steward and chief negotiator, Hamilton Pride Festival, chair of city LGBTQ Advisory Committee, member of the city Status of Women Advisory Committee

Do you live in the ward: Yes

Top three ward priorities: Affordable housing, public transit, and safe injection sites

Top city-wide issue: Access and equity

Do you support the city's planned LRT: Yes

Why are you the right choice for this ward: My passion and love for the City of Hamilton. My ability to bring people together to create and sustain community. My commitment to diversity, equity and anti-oppression. My communication skills and creative talents. My core belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every living being. My unapologetic drive to continually go where angels fear to tread. My pride in being an out queer feminist activist. My desire to be a strong and effective voice for the residents of Ward 1 on City Council and to respect and uphold the democratic process.

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