CFIB Survey Response - Candidates' views on small business issues

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to you and your members. I appreciate the exceptional effort the CFIB does in our community and across the country.

I've been clear for years about my disappointment of council hopefuls answering such budgetary questions with promises, simply in hopes of getting a vote. In most cases, if not all, the promises are unsubstantiated and could never be kept.

I believe Winnipeg taxpayers are more intelligent than that and deserve better. As a respected business professional, it's unrealistic for me to make a statement about specific lines on a financial statement without proper due diligence.

What I will commit to is respecting taxpayers' money and living up to my fiduciary responsibilities. We must focus Winnipeg's financial resources on the basics: Fighting crime, building & repairing roads, sidewalks, and ensuring city services are well-delivered. I will work to reduce the barriers businesses deal with and create a welcoming atmosphere to attract new businesses, in essence, put out the "OPEN FOR BUSINESS" sign.

Thank you.

Kevin Klein

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