**MEDIA ALERT 3 September 2024**

**“Please explain and your time starts…now!”**

**Candidates on the clock, including Clover, for City of Sydney contest**

Seven candidates vying to become Mayor of one the world’s most loved and expensive cities, Sydney, along with incumbent, Clover Moore, will gather at a unique “please explain” style forum to answer five big questions from five influential leaders across housing, energy, employment, community and faith.

The five questions will address affordable housing, sustainable energy, core funding for place-based organisations,employment opportunities for disadvantaged young people and reducing gambling harm within the City of Sydney footprint.

Asking the tough questions will be the Tenants Union, Solar Citizens, Glebe Youth Service, Wayside Chapel and the Anglican Dean of Sydney.

An initiative of the Sydney Alliance and facilitated by Wesley Mission CEO, Rev Stu Cameron, the City of Sydney Mayoral candidates will be presented with the five questions and then be given seven minutes to briefly outline their position on any, or all, of the issues.

**Date: Wednesday 4 September 2024**

**Time: 9.00am Pre-forum interviews/ Q&A with candidates**

 **9.30 – 11.30 City of Sydney Mayoral Candidates Forum**

**Where: Wesley Conference Centre (Lyceum Room)**

 **220 Pitt St, Sydney**

**Candidates attending:** Clover Moore Lord Mayor

Rod Morrison (Yvonne Weldon Independents)

Sylvie Ellsmore Greens

 Zann Maxwell ALP

Sean Masters Libertarian

Rachel Evans Socialist Alliance

Sam Danieli Independent

Lyndon Gannon Liberal (apologies)

**Asking the questions:** Tenants Union CEO Leo Patterson Ross

 Solar Citizens CEO Heidi Douglas

 Glebe Youth Service CEO Mitra Gusheh

 Wayside Chapel Director of Ministry Rev Kent Crawford

 Anglican Dean of Sydney Canon Sandy Grant

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