## **Candidate Details**



Ballot paper name
Candidate name
District
Nominating for
Election type

**Enrolment status** 

## **ATKINS, Nicole**

Nicole Dawn ATKINS
City of Belmont
Councillor for South Ward
Ordinary

ATKINS, Nicole is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the City of Belmont.

I grew up in Cloverdale and my family has lived in the City of Belmont for four generations. Growing up here, my experience of community was shaped by the kindness of neighbours and strangers.

I have worked checkouts while studying communications at Curtin University, and later studied social impact at UWA. In my career I have led teams in the private sector, worked with not-for-profits in co-design and engaged with community on a civil construction project. For the last three years, I have supported researchers to bring evidence into policy and practice, where it can make a real difference.

I'm passionate about well-designed systems that give communities a strong voice in Government and advocate for the things they need to thrive.

If I am given the opportunity, I will bring my experience and my love for this community to the City of Belmont Council.

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## **Additional Information**

I believe local government can do so much more to enrich peoples lives than it is given credit for. I'm running for Council to advocate for evidence-informed policy that delivers sustainable social, environmental and economic benefits to our whole community. I believe that when the community is connected, resilient and thriving, everyone is better off.

In my career I've worked to help close the gap between what experts know works, and what practitioners and policymakers do. Local government has a significant opportunity to put into place evidence-informed approaches to helping our community stay healthy and connected as our children grow up, and as we grow to older age; to creating healthy environments and habitats for people and wildlife. I'm passionate about ensuring Council supports sustainable and well-designed housing that meets the different needs of people in our community. I want Belmont to be home to housing developments that prioritise people over profit.

I believe communities, and in turn governments, work better when everyday people are actively involved with them. I want to explore ways for Belmont to give people more input into priority setting, budgeting and other major decisions that affect us.

I believe good government is the result of good vision, integrity and engagement, and I believe I have the skills, experience and attributes to make a valuable contribution to all of these things if I am elected to Council.

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