



ABOUT ME

- I am a renter
- I have lived in the St Kilda area for most my adult life
- I live in Elwood with my partner Amy and our rescue French Bulldog Eddy
- I am a Chef and former restaurant owner
- Active in the local community advocating for housing and greening our streets
- Passionate about climate change adaptation/mitigation and community response
- Avid 'guerilla' gardener
- Independent of all political parties
- I believe party politics has no place in local government

BALACLAVA WARD



The City of Port Phillip
Council Elections
October 2024

VOTE 1 for ALEX DARTON

A new voice for change
A new vision for council



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CLIMATE
HOUSING
LOCAL BUSINESS
SOCIAL JUSTICE



VOTE 1

**ALEX
DARTON**

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

For Balaclava Ward



LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

- Founding delegate of Inner South Branch Renters And Housing Union (RAHU)
- Port Phillip Environmental Leadership Course Alumni
- Involved with local Green Link project as member of PECAN (Port Phillip Climate Action Network) working group
- Organised community forum around local renting issues last year in St Kilda
- Helped build community garden at Elwood + St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre
- Participated in an apartment living heatwave study last summer for Better Renting
- Regularly attend council meetings

As renters, we make up 49% of residents but we have been almost completely disregarded by our Council, and excluded from Council's concerns because we are not property owners or rate payers.

We need to do more.
We need a voice.
Because now, we need change more than ever.
I will help enable that change, by giving us all an audible voice on Council

VISION FOR COUNCIL

- Securing affordable and accessible housing as a human right
- Helping renters and those in all forms of housing tenure obtain climate-resilient dwellings
- Develop and improve Council's responses to dwellings left unconscionably empty for lengthy intervals of time
- Addressing Council's historic neglect of Balaclava in its budget expenditure priorities
- Improve community engagement for better outcomes in all Council decision making
- Expand our biodiversity and Increase our urban forest via accelerating tree planting
- Ensure fiscal responsibility across all council departments
- Increased support for the Arts and live music scene
- Revive our vibrant city and local businesses.