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Political Scorecards Canada

MPP Candidate Questionnaire and Candidate Profile information.

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Your response to the candidate questionnaire below will ensure the voters of Ontario know where you stand when making their informed decision.

By completing this form your MPP candidate Profile Card will be uploaded to the Political Scorecards Website along with your Questionnaire and it will form part of your transparency score that voters will see.

Thank you.

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Pledge Confirmation

Yes

MPP Candidates please complete the MPP Candidate questionnaire below.

Note: All questions require answers as indicated by an *. Form will not submit unless all questions are answered.

REPRESENTATION

WHOM WILL YOU REPRESENT:

1. Do you support the principle that all persons have inalienable rights?

Yes

2. Is it the government's primary duty to protect the rights and freedoms of citizens?

Yes

3. Do you believe the primary role of an MPP is to protect the rights of all constituents equally?

Yes

4. Will you prioritize the interests of your constituents over the directives of your political party?

Yes

5. Do you support the principle that an MPP's role is to hold the government accountable?

Yes

6. Will you defend individuals' rights to freedom of speech, even if their statements may offend others?

Yes

7. Will you ensure uninterrupted public services if government employees or agencies disrupt service delivery?

Uncertain

8. Will you support the removal of laws or regulations that are NOT required to protect the rights and freedoms of citizens?

Yes

9. Will you ensure government does not allow members of any group to be given privileges that harm the rights of any other citizen?

Yes

10. Will you oppose agreements that allow domestic, foreign, or international organizations to dictate provincial or municipal policies?

Yes

11. Will you insist that all votes in the legislature be free votes, allowing MPPs to represent their constituents' interests?

Yes

EQUALITY

EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW AND UNDER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES:

12. Will you work to ensure all government laws, policies, and programs treat citizens equally, regardless of race, religion, language, sex or gender?

Yes

13. Will you support providing non-citizens with benefits equal to or greater than those provided to Canadian citizens?

No

14. Will you ensure the costs borne to support new immigrants are covered by the federal government?

No

15. Will you vote to ensure that politicians serve for at least 8 years before becoming eligible for a government pension?

Yes

ACCOUNTABILITY

HOW WILL YOU BE ACCOUNTABLE:

16. Will you hold an open public meeting in your constituency at least once every three months to answer questions from constituents?

Yes

17. If 70% or more of the constituents who voted for you sign a petition calling for your resignation, will you step down to allow a by-election?

Uncertain

18. Will you support open and transparent parliamentary committee hearings into government actions, even if your party forms the government?

Yes

19. Will you support imposing tariffs on goods imported into Canada from the U.S.?

Uncertain

20. Will you support taxpayer-funded subsidies to assist individuals and business harmed by trade disputes?

Uncertain

21. Will you support using taxpayer money or government debt to subsidize Ontario-based businesses to create jobs in Ontario?

Uncertain

22. Will you support using government taxpayers' money to subsidize foreign corporations in the hope that they will create jobs in Ontario?

No

23. Will you ensure resource extraction companies pay fair royalties reflective of market value for public resources?

Uncertain

24. Will you ensure that royalties from resource extraction are used to reduce the Ontario deficit?

Uncertain

TAXES

TAXATION:

25. Will you support government programs or tax policies designed to eliminate the use of CO2-producing fuels?

No

26. Will you support tax subsidies for purchasing electric vehicles?

No

27. Will you support imposing a Capital Gains Tax on principal residences?

No

28. Will you support imposing a higher tax rate on Capital Gains Tax from speculative investments at a higher rate than individuals pay on earned income?

Uncertain

29. Will you support taxing non-principal residences sold within five years at a higher rate?

Uncertain

30. Will you support using provincial taxpayers' money to subsidize housing costs for Ontario's citizens?

No

WEALTH

GOVERNMENT AND WEALTH GENERATION:

31. Will you support reducing the size of government?

Yes

32. Will you support Government spending that increases the government's share of GDP?

No

33. Do you support deficit spending?

Uncertain

34. Will you discontinue highway tolls after the highway has been paid for?

No

35. Will you support indexing Senior Pensions to the Cost of Living?

Yes

HEALTH

HEALTH CARE – ACCESS TO MEDICAL SERVICES:

36. Will you support public funding for private health clinics offering diagnostic or treatment services at the same cost as public clinics?

Uncertain

37. Will you support allowing qualified nurses and pharmacists to provide additional medical services?

Uncertain

38. Will you support government-subsidized medical school graduates being required to work in underserved areas?

Yes

39. Will you support agreements giving the World Health Organization authority to impose policies on the province?

No

40. Will you require medical schools to increase admissions for those who agree to serve as GPs in Ontario?

Uncertain

41. Will you support changes in health care funding to prioritize the reduction of wait times for essential medical services?

Uncertain

PARENTAL RIGHTS

PARENTAL AUTHORITY:

42. Will you support parents' right to be fully informed of and involved in discussions about sex and gender issues in schools up to grade 8?

No

43. Will you support Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity courses in high school curricula?

No

SCHOOLS

FUNDING AND POLICY:

44. Will you support providing independent schools with the same funding per student as public schools, provided they meet standards and charge no additional fees?

Uncertain

45. Will you support allowing schools to hire teachers who are not union members?

Yes

46. Will you support day-care costs being funded by government, regardless of parental income?

Uncertain

47. Will you support policies that ensure students graduate with a competence in English & Math?

Yes

DRUGS AND CRIME:

SAFE SUPPLY AND REPEAT OFFENDERS

48. Will you support continuing or expanding the Safe Supply program?

Uncertain

49. Will you support replacing the Safe Supply program with an addiction treatment program?

Uncertain

50. Will you work to prevent the release of repeat offenders under the “Catch and Release Program”?

Yes

MUNICIPALITIES

POWERS

51. Will you prevent municipalities from approving housing at more than double the density in existing low-rise neighbourhoods?

Uncertain

52. Will you oppose mayors having “super powers” that let them override the decisions of municipal councils?

Uncertain

In your riding, what is the top priority you intend to champion if elected?

Hello Laurie Scott (the Conservative MPP who has held this seat since 2003) and fellow citizens.

#1 Problem in Canada today is Too Much Government at all 4 levels. If we were to cut our bureaucracies in half, we would notice:

- a lot less political drama,
- a much lower cost of living and
- a nation of happier citizens.

Canadians need the equivalent of a Department of Government Efficiency to root out all the waste and the

unnecessary regulations that burden our lives.

Like DOGE America with Elon Musk at the helm, non-government leaders must drive DOGE Ontario.

I recommend the Stronach Foundation for Economic Rights to frame our DOGE efforts to revitalize the prosperity and health of every Canadian. It offers seven excellent policy recommendations from a great Canadian, Frank Stronach. I applaud his past successes and admire the wisdom he brings to our national conversation.

In 2023, I published a small book called Digital Direct Democracy, available on Amazon as a Kindle eBook.

I outlined several ways to reform Canadian democracy using modern digital technology to better serve our citizens. Those ideas arose from my 40-year career in Information Technology, and my keen interests in economics and public governance.

Also, this document, The People's Constitution of 2024, outlines my convictions regarding the rights of persons and the duties of governments. As an elected MPP, I would act according to these principles which are posted on my Substack publication for everyone to access online from their phone.

Laurie. Please join Frank Stronach and I to lead the DOGE Ontario charge when you return to Queens Park. I'd like to meet with you to:

- discuss Digital Direct Democracy and the People's Constitution of 2024,
- to arrange a meeting between you and Frank who I know personally.

Thank you.