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MAYORAL CANDIDATES LEAVE TORONTO TENANTS DEFENSELESS

TORONTO – The Federation of Metro Tenants Associations' (FMTA), along with other Toronto housing advocates are demanding more respect for tenants from Mayoral candidates in this municipal election.

Today, the FMTA released the results of a six-question survey that asked Mayoral and Council candidates for their vision for housing in the City of Toronto.

"We expected our mayoral candidates to make housing a top priority in a City with a 50% rental population, instead they have left Toronto's tenants defenseless," said Effie Vlachoyannacos, board chair of the FMTA. While there are some good ideas being considered by candidates, in the end, tenants are being abandoned to enforce the City's bylaws and hold landlords accountable on their own.

"What is most concerning from the results is that of the three leading Mayoral candidates, only one candidate supports landlord licensing, an enforcement program that is widely accepted by housing advocates and most council candidates who responded to our survey," said Vlachoyannacos. "Tenants deserve more support, and landlords need to be held accountable for their actions and inactions, something that isn't happening effectively at this time with this system nor with what is being proposed by Ford or Smitherman. Enforcement of the laws needs to be stronger and more proactive, doing more than just giving bad landlords a slap on the wrist as is currently being done."

"We are disappointed in the complete lack of focus on Toronto's housing crisis on the part of most of the mayoral front runners," said Barbara Hurd, a community legal worker and member of Housing Action Now.

"Ford has said he will consider putting money into affordable housing if savings are found elsewhere, Smitherman has made vague statements supporting affordable housing through using city lands and rental subsidies, but Pantalone was the only candidate who has made a detailed commitment to 1,000 new units of affordable housing per year and increased supportive housing through the implementation of the Housing Opportunities Toronto 10 year housing action plan," continued Hurd. "The Mayoralty hopefuls need to make clear commitments to help the thousands of people in our City who are homeless, and the hundreds of thousands face unaffordable rents and poor housing."

In addition to seeking candidates' support for landlord licensing, questions also asked candidates to provide their strategies for dealing with bed bugs, evictions in Toronto Community Housing, by-law enforcement, waiting list and green housing initiatives.

For the full results of the survey, visit www.torontotenants.org.

The Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations is a non-profit organization which advocates for better rights for Tenants. Founded in 1974, we are the oldest and largest Tenant Federation in Canada. The FMTA is comprised of affiliated Tenant Associations and of individual Members. We have over 3,000 members and continue to grow.



2010 Municipal Election Candidate Housing Report Summary

MAYORAL CANDIDATES



D+

Rob Ford

He has not committed to expanding Municipal Licensing & Standards powers, does not support landlord licensing, does not want to build more affordable housing, does not plan on supporting or enhancing existing green initiatives, and makes no mention of implementing the Lesage Inquiry Recommendations. He does have a plan of action for dealing with the Toronto's bed bug epidemic and wants to improve TCHC and ML&S customer service.



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Joe Pantalone

He wants to work with the FMTA and Municipal Licensing and Standards to achieve rent freezes/abatements for negligent landlords and have them support tenants at Landlord & Tenant Board hearings. He supports landlord licensing, will work to build more affordable housing and improve existing stock, supports inclusionary zoning, wants to enhance existing and new green initiatives, will work with existing partners and City resources to develop strategies to deal with bed bug epidemic, and will implement the Lesage Inquiry Recommendations.



B

George Smitherman

He has not committed to enhancing or expanding Municipal Licensing and Standards enforcement, is against landlord licensing, and does not support inclusionary zoning. He does have plans for concrete green initiatives; he will invest and allocate resources to a bed bug eradication plan, and will ensure implementation of the Lesage Inquiry Recommendations for Toronto Community Housing.

Candidate	Grade
Rocco Achampong	No response
Michael Alexander	No response
Don Andrews	No response
George Babula	No response
Christopher Ball	No response
Michael Brausewetter	No response
Douglas Campbell	F
Jamie Castillo	No response
Kevin Clarke	No response
Keith Cole	No response
Charlene Cottle	No response
Gerald Derome	F

Candidate	Grade
Diane Devenyi	C+
James DiFiore	No response
David Epstein	No response
Selwyn Firth	No response
Michael Flie	D
Baqui-Abdullah Ghazi	F
Howard Gomberg	No response
Barry Goodhead	F
Monowar Hossain	No response
Dewitt Lee	C+
John Letonja	D
Carmen Macklin	No response

Candidate	Grade
Colin Magee	No response
Joseph Pampena	No response
Vijay Sarma	No response
Mark State	D
Tibor Steinberger	No response
Himy Syed	No response
Weizhen Tang	No response
Phil Taylor	No response
David Vallance	No response
Ratan Wadhwa	No response
Daniel Walker	D



COUNCIL CANDIDATES

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 1	Ted	Berger	С
	Vinvent	Crisanti	n/a
	Peter	D'Gama	В
	Omar	Farouk	n/a
	Suzan	Hall	A+
	Sharad	Sharma	В
Ward 2	Cadigia	Ali	n/a
	Doug	Ford	No contact info
	Rajinder	Lall	n/a
	Jason	Pedlar	n/a
	Luciano	Rizzuti	В
	Andrew	Saikaley	n/a
Ward 3	Roger	Deschenes	No contact info
	Doug	Holyday	n/a
	Peter	Kudryk	No contact info
	Ross	Vaughan	n/a
Ward 4	Daniel	Bertonlini	n/a
	John	Campbell	n/a
	Gloria	Lindsay Luby	n/a
Ward 5	John	Chiappetta	n/a
	Justin	Di Ciano	n/a
	Morley	Kells	No contact info
	Peter	Milczyn	n/a
	Rob	Therrien	No contact info

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 9	Gianfranco	Amendola	n/a
	Maria	Augimeri	n/a
	Wilson	Basantes	No contact info
	Gus	Cuismano	n/a
	Stefano	Picone	No contact info
Ward 10	Drago	Banovic	No contact info
	Joseph	Cohen	n/a
	Robert	Freedland	n/a
	Jarred	Friedman	n/a
	Magda	Gondor Berkovits	n/a
	Nancy	Oomen	n/a
	James	Pasternak	n/a
	Eric	Plant	D
	Brian	Shifman	n/a
	Konstantin	Toubis	n/a
	lgor	Toutchinski	n/a
	Edward	Zaretsky	n/a
Ward 11	Abdirazak	Hashised	n/a
	Leo	Marshal	n/a
	Frances	Nunziata	Α
	Fulvio	Sansone	n/a
Ward 12	Angelo	Bellavia	n/a
	Frank	Di Girogio	n/a
	Nick	Dominelli	n/a
	Vilma	Filici	n/a
	Richard	Gosling	No contact info
	Joe	Renda	В
	Steve	Tasses	n/a

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 6	Wendell	Bereton	n/a
	Jem	Cain	n/a
	Mark	Grimes	n/a
	Michael	Laxer	A+
	Cecilia	Luu	n/a
	David	Searle	n/a
Ward 7	Scott	Aitchison	С
	Nick	Di Nizio	n/a
	Sergio	Gizzo	n/a
	Sharon	Joseph	n/a
	Victoria	Lucero	n/a
	Chris	MacDonald	n/a
	Giorgio	Mammoliti	n/a
	Larry	Perlman	А
	Stefano	Tesoro	No contact info
Ward 8	Antonius	Clarke	n/a
	John	Gallagher	n/a
	Naseeb	Husain	n/a
	Peter	Li Preti	n/a
	Gerardo	Miniguano	No contact info
	Anthony	Perruzza	n/a
	Arthur	Smitherman	В
	Ramnarine	Tiwari	n/a

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 13	Sarah	Doucette	В
	Nick	Pavlov	n/a
	Bill	Saundercook	n/a
	Jackelyn	Van Altenberg	No contact info
	Redmon	Weissenberger	n/a
Ward 14	Michael	Erickson	n/a
	Ryan	Hobson	n/a
	Barry	Hubick	n/a
	Jules-José	Kerlinger	n/a
	Gus	Koutoumanos	D
	Gord	Perks	n/a
	Cullen	Simpson	n/a
	Jimmy	Talpa	No contact info
	Istvan	Tar	n/a
	Bill	Vrebosch	n/a
Ward 15	Josh	Colle	n/a
	Rob	Davis	n/a
	Tony	Evangelista	Α
	Giuseppe	Pede	n/a
	William	Reitsma	n/a
	Ron	Singer	n/a
	Eva	Tavares	Α
Ward 16	Michael	Coll	n/a
	Roy	Macdonald	n/a
	Terry	Mills	n/a
	Karen	Stintz	С



	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 17	Brian	Bragason	n/a
	Tony	Letra	n/a
	Maria	Marques	n/a
	Cesar	Palacio	n/a
	Karlene	Rasaiah	No contact info
	Jonah	Schein	n/a
	Ben	Stirpe	n/a
Ward 18	Ana	Bailao	А
	Kevin	Beaulieu	Α
	Doug	Carroll	n/a
	Frank	de Jong	В
	Abdirazak	Elmi	No contact info
	Nha	Letcher	No contact info
	Jim	Likourezos	n/a
	Joe	MacDonald	С
	Mohammad	Muhit	n/a
	Kirk	Russell	n/a
	Joanna	Teliatnik	No contact info
	Hema	Vyas	A+
	Ken	Wood	А
Ward 19	Rosario	Bruto	n/a
	David	Footman	No contact info
	Mike	Layton	A+
	Sean	McCormick	n/a
	Karlene	Nation	No contact info
	George	Sawision	n/a
	Jason	Stevens	n/a
	Karen	Sun	Α

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 26	Tanvir	Ahmed	n/a
	Jon	Burnside	n/a
	Mohamed	Dhanani	n/a
	Nawab Salim	Khan	No contact info
	Shaukat	Malik	No contact info
	Yunus	Pandor	n/a
Ward 27	John	Parker	n/a
	Enza	Anderson	В
	Ben	Bergen	No contact info
	Ken	Chan	Α
	Joel	Dick	A+
	Susan	Gapka	В
	Jonas	Jemstone	No contact info
	Gary	Leroux	С
	Robert	Meynell	В
	Perry	Missal	n/a
	Ram	Narula	n/a
	Ella	Rebanks	n/a
	Paul	Spence	No contact info
	Chris	Tindal	А
	Kristyn	Wong-Tam	n/a
	Simon	Wookey	n/a

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 20	Dean	Maher	n/a
	Ken	Osadchuk	n/a
	Roman	Polochansky	n/a
	Adam	Vaughan	Α
	Mike	Yen	n/a
Ward 21	Marius	Frederick	n/a
	Alex	Freedman	n/a
	Beth	McLellan	No contact info
	Joe	Mihevc	A+
	Peter	Nolan	n/a
	Shimmy	Posen	n/a
Ward 22	Elizabeth	Cook	No contact info
	Josh	Matlow	n/a
	William	Molls	n/a
	Chris	Sellors	A+
Ward 23	Peter	Clarke	С
	John	Filion	n/a
	Dusan	Kralik	n/a
	Charles	Sutherland	n/a
	John	Whyte	No contact info
Ward 24	Sunny	Cho	n/a
	Eugene	Loo	n/a
	Bob	Nahiddi	С
	David	Shiner	n/a
Ward 25	Joanne	Dickins	А
	Tanya	Hostler	D
	Cliff	Jenkins	A+
	Jaye	Robinson	n/a

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 28	Howard	Bortenstein	n/a
	Eric	Brazau	No contact info
	Dennis	Hollingsworth	No contact info
	Pam	McConnell	А
	Daniel	Murton	А
	Raj	Rama	n/a
Ward 29	Chris	Caldwell	n/a
	Mary	Fragedakis	A+
	Jane	Pitfield	n/a
	Mike	Restivo	С
	John	Richardson	n/a
	Jennifer	Wood	n/a
Ward 30	Andreas	Bogojevic	n/a
	Mark	Dewdney	A+
	Paula	Fletcher	n/a
	Andrew	James	n/a
	Angie	Tingas	No contact info
	Mihaly	Varga	No contact info
	Gary	Walsh	n/a
	Liz	West	n/a



	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 31	Peter	Angaliotis	No contact info
	Donna	Braniff	С
	Janet	Davis	A+
	Brenda	MacDonald	No contact info
	Rasal	Rahman	n/a
	Leonard	Subotich	No contact info
	Robert	Walker	n/a
Ward 32	Bruce	Baker	n/a
	Keith	Begley	n/a
	Sandra	Bussin	A+
	Albert	Castells	n/a
	Brad	Feraday	n/a
	Martin	Gladstone	n/a
	Mary- Margaret	McMahom	n/a
	Kieron	Pope	No contact info
	Neil	Sinclair	С
Ward 33	Shelley	Carroll	n/a
	Fil	Giannakopoulos	No contact info
	Mike	Ihnat	С
	David	Raines	n/a
Ward 34	Denzil	Minnan-Wong	n/a
	Stephan	Stewart	n/a
	Peter	Youngren	n/a

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 38	Glenn	De Baeremaeker	n/a
	Kirk	Jensen	n/a
	Glenn	Middleton	n/a
	Tushar	Shah	n/a
	Sandip	Vora	No contact info
Ward 39	Mike	Del Grande	n/a
	Caldwell	Williams	n/a
	Kevin	Xu	n/a
Ward 40	Diana	Hall	n/a
	Bryan	Heal	n/a
	Norm	Kelly	n/a
	Ken	Sy	n/a
	Cheng-Chih	Tsai	No contact info
Ward 41	Danny	Chien	n/a
	Chin	Lee	n/a
	Patricia	Sinclair	No contact info

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 35	Malik	Ahmad	n/a
	Michelle	Berardinetti	n/a
	Jay	Burnett	No contact info
	Victoria	Doyle	n/a
	Ed	Green	n/a
	Adrian	Heaps	А
	John	Lewis	No contact info
	John	Morawietz	No contact info
	Peter	Tijiri	No contact info
	Jason	Woychesko	n/a
Ward 36	Tony	Ashdown	F
	Vicki	Breen	А
	Gary	Crawford	n/a
	Roman	Danilov	n/a
	Eddy	Gasparotto	n/a
	Sean	Gladnew	n/a
	Hogan	Diane	n/a
	Marvin	Macaraig	В
	Robert	McDermott	n/a
	Robert	Spencer	В
Ward 37	Fawzi	Bidawi	С
	Isabelle	Champagne	n/a
	Sergio	Otoya Salazar	n/a
	Michael	Thompson	n/a

	First Name	Last Name	Grade
Ward 42	Mohammed	Ather	n/a
	Raymond	Cho	n/a
	Namu	Ponnambalam	n/a
	Shamoon	Poonawala	n/a
	Venthan	Ramanathavavuniyan	No contact info
	Leon	Saul	С
	Neethan	Shan	В
	George	Singh	n/a
	Ruth	Tecle	n/a
Ward 43	Paul	Ainslie	В
	Samuel	Getachew	n/a
	John	Laforet	n/a
	Benjamin	Mbaegbu	n/a
	Bhaskar	Sharma	No contact info
Ward 44	Mohammed	Mirza	No contact info
	Ron	Moeser	n/a
	Heath	Thomas	n/a

*Candidates with contact information were contacted via email and phone on at least five different occasions.

Candidates received an automatic F for not responding.

