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SPECIAL ISSUE: COMMUNITY CHOICES

A Metro Network for Social Justice publication for Toronto's November 10 election

Changing directions at City Council

AFTER EIGHT LONG YEARS, we have achieved change at the provincial level of government. On November 10, we have a chance to do the same at the municipal level.

To the relief of most Torontonians, Mayor Mel Lastman is stepping down. Let's replace him with a progressive mayor who is committed to a healthy, equitable and just city.

Of course, Lastman is not solely responsible for Toronto's sorry state. Over the last three years, as revealed in the voting record in *The Badger's* recent 16-page issue, many city councillors have consistently opposed community needs and social justice.

The Metro Network for Social

Justice published that record – also online at www.mnsj.org (*The Badger* link) – because our elected officials should be held to account. And in casting our ballots on November 10, we should value the advice of community and labour organizations. Below and overleaf we present their opinions and recommendations on candidates who have earned support – or not.

But democracy is more than voting. When the election is over, we must push our representatives at City Hall to address the issues that matter to our communities. We, and they, need to be innovative and seek new ideas.

In Vancouver, for example, the municipal government is trying a new

approach to drug addiction and poverty. In the United States some municipalities have passed "Don't Ask" bylaws that bar police, healthcare, education, housing and other municipal services from discriminating on the basis of citizenship. This helps all city residents get the protection, care and education they need. Will Toronto's City Council take similarly inspired steps to make our city more just and equitable?

On November 10 we can elect city councillors who will reflect community values. But it will still take community pressure to get action.

Let's vote for a social justice mayor, council and board of education. And let's stay involved, for all our sakes.

IF YOU CARE ABOUT THESE ISSUES, you will want to vote in Toronto's Nov. 10 municipal election:

- public transit (TTC)
- public health services (eg., coping with West Nile, SARS)
- childcare
- garbage and recycling
- parks and recreation, including community centres
- policing
- public libraries
- homelessness and social housing
- arts and community funding

The municipal government determines services and sets user fees and property taxes. Each year City Council sets a budget that determines which municipal programs will run. To pay for them, Council also decides on property tax rates (which also affect tenants' rents) and user fees (including TTC fares).

The candidates we elect in the November 10 municipal election will hold office for the next three years. Eligible voters have three different choices:

MAYOR – one mayor is elected to represent the entire city. The mayor has just one vote on City Council, but has a broader mandate than councillors.

COUNCILLOR – Toronto has 44 wards, each of which elects one councillor. Councillors make bylaws and decisions about municipal policies and services. Winning candidates should represent your concerns and assist you as needed – whether or not you voted for them.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE – whether or not you have children, you pay taxes for education and can vote for one school trustee. Toronto has four school boards: the public (TDSB) and English Catholic (TCDSB) boards each have 22 wards; the two other boards are French Public and French Catholic. Which board you vote for is indicated on mailed voting cards;

it depends on your first language, where your children go to school or your religious background.

Am I eligible to vote? In order to vote in the municipal election you must be:

- at least 18 years of age
- a Canadian citizen
- live in Toronto (or own or rent property in the city)
- not be disqualified under any law

More information? Contact the City of Toronto at: **416-338-1111** (Mon.–Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or on the web: www.toronto.ca/elections has information in several languages.



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ArtsVote (AV) is a non-partisan, voluntary network founded in 1994 to encourage artists and arts-workers to vote in Toronto municipal elections. www.ArtsVote.ca

Campaign for Public Education (CPE) was formed two years ago to defend public education. Supporters include the Toronto Parent Network, Organization of Parents of Black Children, Toronto Federation of Chinese Parents, Parent Community Network, Elementary Teachers of Toronto, OSSTF District 12, CUPE 4400, Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association, elected public school trustees, and students. www.campaignforpubliceducation.ca

CUPE 79 (Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79) represents Toronto's indoor municipal employees. www.cupe.local79.org

CUPE 4400 represents education work-

ers at the city's public school board (TDSB). www.cupe4400.org

Labour Council (LC) (Toronto and York Region Labour Council) represents 180,000 members in unions affiliated with the Canadian Labour Congress. 416-441-3663 www.labourcouncil.ca

Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers Federation–District 12 (OSSTF–D12) represents 8000 educational workers at the Toronto District School Board 416-393-8900 www.osstfdist12.com

Tenant Advocacy Group (TAG) includes lawyers, legal workers and tenant advocates who take on casework, law reform and advocacy. hurdb@lao.on.ca

Toronto Environmental Alliance (TEA) was formed in 1988 as an activist voice to promote a greener Toronto. 416-596-0660 www.torontoenvironment.org



COMMUNITY CHOICE FOR THE NEW MAYOR

ORGANIZATION / CANDIDATE	Labour Council	CUPE 79	Arts Vote*	Tenant Advocacy Group	TEA **	Campaign for Public Ed. (CPE)	OSSTF Dist. 12	CUPE 4400
David Miller	✓	✓	A+	✓	A	✓	✓	✓

For rating group info, see overleaf. * Arts Vote graded Barbara Hall as A and John Tory as B+ ** TEA's survey graded Barbara Hall as A- and John Tory as D+

Community-labour ratings for City Council

Ward	LC	TEA	AV	D12	Ward	LC	TEA	AV	D12	Ward	LC	TEA	AV	D12
1 – ETOBICOKE NORTH Ikram Freed	✓	A	–	✓	17 – DAVENPORT Alejandra Bravo	✓	A+	A+	✓	31 – BEACHES-EAST YORK Janet Davis	✓	A+	–	✓
2 – ETOBICOKE NORTH Rob Ford*	–	F	F	–	18 – DAVENPORT Adam Giambrone	✓	A+	B+	✓	Michael Tziretas*	–	–	B	–
3 – ETOBICOKE CENTRE Ross Vaughan	–	C	–	–	Ana Bailao	–	A+	A+	–	32 – BEACHES-EAST YORK Sandra Bussin*	✓	A	A+	✓
Doug Holyday*	–	F	F	–	Cynanin Maxwell	–	A+	–	–	33 – DON VALLEY EAST Shelley Carroll	✓	A+	–	✓
4 – ETOBICOKE CENTRE Stephen Thiele	–	–	C+	–	19 – TRINITY-SPADINA Joe Pantalone*	✓	A	A	✓	34 – DON VALLEY EAST Denzil Minnan-Wong*	–	F	F	–
Gloria Lindsay Luby	–	F	C+	–	Jeff Brown	–	A+	B+	–	35 – SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST Adrian Heaps	–	B	–	–
5 – ETOBICOKE LAKESHORE Stan Grabowski	–	A+	–	–	Philip Vettese	–	A+	–	–	Gerry Altobello*	–	F	C+	–
Peter Milcyn*	–	C	B+	–	20 – TRINITY-SPADINA Olivia Chow*	✓	A+	A	✓	36 – SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST Brian Ashton*	–	C	B+	–
6 – ETOBICOKE LAKESHORE Jerry Smith	✓	A	A	✓	Roberto Verdecchia	–	A+	–	–	37 – SCARBOROUGH CENTRE Michael Thompson	✓	C+	–	✓
Mark Selkirk	–	A+	–	–	21 – ST. PAUL'S Joe Mihevc*	✓	A	A+	✓	Andrew Schulz	–	A+	–	–
Mark Grimes	–	A-	–	–	Howard Levine	–	A+	C+	–	38 – SCARBOROUGH CENTRE Glenn De Baeremaeker	✓	A+	–	✓
7 – YORK WEST Giorgio Mammoliti* (acclaimed)	–	D	F	–	22 – ST. PAUL'S Michael Walker*	✓	A	B+	✓	39 – SCARBOROUGH-AGINCOURT Sherene Shaw*	✓	C+	B+	✓
8 – YORK WEST Anthony Perruza	✓	–	–	✓	23 – WILLOWDALE John Fillion*	–	A-	D	–	40 – SCARBOROUGH-AGINCOURT Norman Kelly*	–	F	B	–
Li Peter Preti*	–	D	B-	–	24 – WILLOWDALE David Shiner* (acclaimed)	–	D	D	–	41 – SCARBOROUGH ROUGE RIVER Sonny Yeung	–	A	–	–
9 – YORK CENTRE Maria Augimeri*	✓	A-	A-	✓	25 – DON VALLEY WEST William Rauenbusch	–	A+	B	–	Bas Balkissoon*	–	F	C+	–
10 – YORK CENTRE Michael Feldman*	–	C	B	–	Jaye Robinson	–	A+	–	–	42 – SCARBOROUGH ROUGE RIVER Raymond Cho*	–	B	B-	–
11 – YORK SOUTH WESTON Frances Nunziata*	–	F	B-	–	26 – DON VALLEY WEST Jane Pitfield*	–	B+	A	–	43 – SCARBOROUGH EAST Glenn Kitchen	–	A	–	–
12 – YORK SOUTH WESTON Frank DiGiorgio*	–	D	A-	–	27 – TORONTO CENTRE ROSEDALE Kyle Rae*	✓	A+	A+	–	David Soknaki*	–	F	B	–
13 – PARKDALE-HIGH PARK Stan Kumorek	✓	B+	C	✓	Michael Demone	–	A+	B-	–	44 – SCARBOROUGH EAST Donald Blair	–	C	D	–
Margo Duncan	–	A	–	–	28 – TORONTO CENTRE ROSEDALE Pam McConnell*	✓	A+	A+	✓	Ronald Moeser*	–	C	F	–
Carol Jamieson	–	C	B+	–	Pierre Klein	–	A+	–	–					
14 – PARKDALE-HIGH PARK Ed Veri	–	A	–	–	Wendy Forrest	–	A+	–	–					
15 – EGLINTON-LAWRENCE Howard Moscoe*	✓	B+	A	✓	29 – BROADVIEW-GREENWOOD John Papadakis	✓	B+	–	✓					
16 – EGLINTON-LAWRENCE Anne Johnston*	✓	A	A	✓	Case Ootes*	–	F	B+	–					
Alexander Hoffman	–	A-	C	–	30 – BROADVIEW-GREENWOOD Paula Fletcher	✓	A+	–	✓					
					Greg Bonser*	–	A+	C+	–					
					Chris Phibbs	–	A	B+	–					

Boldface indicates a rating of A, or a community-endorsed candidate.
* indicates incumbent councillor.
– indicates no information available or not endorsed.
TEA and ArtsVote rated incumbents on their performance, new candidates on responses to a survey.
† Greg Bonser (Ward 30) was endorsed by the East Toronto Climate Action Group.

LC – Labour Council TEA – Toronto Environmental Alliance AV – ArtsVote D12 – OSSTF District 12

Progressive choices for school trustees

Toronto District School Board (TDSB, public) trustee candidates endorsed by the Campaign for Public Education, Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers Federation – District 12, CUPE 4400 and Labour Council (* incumbent; ** acclaimed):
Wards 1 & 2: **Stan Nemiroff***
Wards 3 & 4: **Kemp Rickett**
Wards 5 & 6: **Bruce Davis***
Wards 7 & 8: **Stephanie Payne***

Wards 11 & 12: **Elizabeth Hill*** **
Wards 13 & 14: **Irene Atkinson*** **
Wards 15 & 16: **Howard Goodman**
Wards 17 & 18: **Maria Rodrigues**
Wards 19 & 20: **Chris Bolton**
Wards 21 & 22: **Josh Matlow** **
Wards 23 & 24: **Eddie Zuniga**
Wards 25 & 26: **Peter Dotsikas**
Wards 27 & 28: **Sheila Ward*** **
Wards 29 & 30: **Rick Telfer**
Wards 31 & 32: **Sheila Cary-Meagher***

Wards 33 & 34: **Zia Ahmed**
Wards 37 & 38: **Daniel Hill**
Wards 41 & 42: **Alimamy Bangura**

Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) trustee candidates endorsed by Labour Council:
Wards 19, 20, 22, 26, 27 & 28: **Catherine Leblanc-Miller**
Wards 29, 30, 31, 32 & 34: **Marlene Ciarrocchi**
Wards 35, 36, 38 & 43: **Paul Crawford**

For community views of municipal issues and candidates, visit:
www.childcaretoronto.org
www.artsvote.ca
www.labourcouncil.ca
www.campaignforpubliceducation.ca
www.communityair.org (the island airport)
www.tdrc.net (homelessness and housing)
www.mnsj.org (The Badger)