

Survey of Candidates for Municipal Office in Canada

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This copy of the questions is public, but you will receive an email with a direct web link if you have been invited to complete the survey.

Introductory Page

This survey will help me better understand why candidates seek office, their identities, and their relationships to political organizations and groups. With this work, I hope to gain a better understanding of local government in Canada.

You are free to not answer any question and/or to stop the survey at any time. No individually-identifying characteristics will be released and only aggregated responses to the questions will be presented. No one, other than myself and my direct supervisor, will know your specific answers. In line with standard academic practice, a modified dataset, excluding any individually-identifying characteristics, may be made available to similarly-situated scholarly researchers who comply with Canadian research ethics.

This information will be used only for scholarly purposes and will be held securely.

This work has been reviewed for compliance with ethical standards by McGill's Research Ethics Board. Questions or concerns about research ethics may be sent to McGill's Research Ethics Manager, Lynda McNeil (lynda.mcneil@mcgill.ca) or 514-398-6831, referencing project file #: 8-0618.

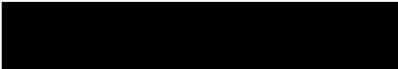
By completing and submitting this survey, you are consenting to take part in the study. You are free not to answer any question, but once you have submitted the survey, you cannot withdraw your answers.

PLEASE NOTE: This survey was developed prior to the provincial government's announcement on July 27, 2018 about the planned election. *Please answer the questions as if your registration and candidacy status have not changed.* You may click here to read a Government of Ontario press release outlining the proposed changes. Please click "NEXT" if you consent to take part in this survey.

Section A: Introduction

A1. Please indicate the city in which you are running for office.

- Toronto
- Ottawa
- Mississauga
- Brampton
- Hamilton
- London
- Markham
- Vaughan
- Kitchener
- Windsor
- Richmond Hill
- Oakville
- Burlington
- Greater Sudbury
- Oshawa
- Barrie
- St. Catharines
- Guelph
- Cambridge
- Whitby
- Kingston
- Ajax
- Milton
- Thunder Bay



Section B: Part I: Motivations and Experience

These questions will address your motivations for seeking political office, your experience, and your opinions on the issues facing your community.

B1. Please indicate the office you are seeking:

- Mayor
- Councillor (City, Town, and/or Regional)
- English Public School Board Trustee
- English Catholic School Board Trustee
- French Public School Board Trustee
- French Catholic School Board Trustee

B2. Please indicate if you were a candidate for any of the listed positions in the most recent past election (Municipal Elections, 2014; Canadian Federal Election, 2015; Ontario Provincial Election, 2018).

- Mayor
- Councillor (City, Town, and/or Regional)
- English Public School Board Trustee
- English Catholic School Board Trustee
- French Public School Board Trustee
- French Catholic School Board Trustee
- Member of Parliament
- Member of Provincial Parliament
- Nomination contestant
- Not previously a candidate

B3. Please indicate any political experience you had prior to running for public office in this election:

B4. Please indicate any community service experience you had prior to running for public office in this election:

B5. In a few sentences, please tell me the main reasons you are seeking elected office.

B6. In a few sentences, please list the most important issues or problems facing your community and why you think so.

B7. In a few short sentences, describe *any barriers* you face in your candidacy due to *any element* of your personal identity (for example, your ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual identity, etc.)

Section C: Part IIa: Demographics

The following set of questions ask for demographic information. In general, the questions are the same as the ones asked on the Canadian Census, and will allow for comparisons between the people who answer this survey to the general Canadian population.

C1. Which gender do you identify with?

Male



- Filipino
- Irish
- Dutch
- Ukrainian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Jamaican
- Greek
- Iranian
- Lebanese
- Mexican
- Somali
- Colombian
- A cultural group not listed here (please specify)
- Decline to answer

C5. Do you identify as an Aboriginal person, that is, someone who is First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit)?

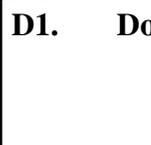
- Yes, First Nations
- Yes, Métis
- Yes, Inuk (Inuit)
- Do not identify as an Aboriginal person
- Decline to answer

Section D: Part IIb: Demographics Cont.

CONTINUED: The following set of questions ask for demographic information. In general, the questions are the same as the ones asked on the Canadian Census, and will allow for comparisons between the people who answer this survey to the general Canadian population.

D1. Do you identify as:

- White





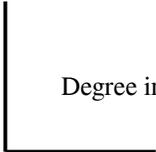
- Chinese
- South Asian
- Black
- Arab
- West Asian
- Filipino
- Southeast Asian
- Latin American
- Japanese
- Korean
- Multi-Racial
- Decline to answer

D2. Are you a member of the LGBTQ+ community?

- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Trans
- Queer
- Other (please specify)
- No
- Decline to answer

D3. Please indicate the highest level of education you have achieved:

- No formal education
- High school diploma or high school equivalency certificate
- Certificate of Apprenticeship or Certificate of Qualification (Journey person's designation)
- College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma
- Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A., B.A. (Hons.), B.Sc., B.Ed., LL.B.)
- Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry (M.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.V.M., O.D.)



Master's degree (e.g., M.A., M.Sc., M.Ed., M.B.A.)

Doctorate (e.g., Ph.D.)

Decline to answer

D4. Please indicate the industry in which you worked at the time of your candidacy for public office. If you held more than one job, please answer with regard to what you consider your most important form of employment.

(Industry is based on the *North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)* used by Statistics Canada and means the broad category into which your profession falls)

Management occupations (eg: legislators/politician, senior management, retail or food service managers)

Business, finance and administration occupations (eg: accountants, investment brokers, human resources specialists, executive assistants)

Natural and applied sciences and related occupations (eg: agriculture scientists, engineers, architects, information technology specialists, urban planners)

Health occupations (eg: doctors, nurses, dentists, dental technicians)

Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services (eg: lawyers, teachers, professors, educational assistants, spiritual leaders, police, policy researchers, social workers)

Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport (eg: visual artists, authors, journalists, librarians, professional athletes)

Sales and service occupations (eg: sales associate, salesperson, hotel employee, travel specialist)

Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (eg: plumbers, joiners, construction, bus driver, subway operator, mechanics)

Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations (eg: farmers, forestry workers, miners, oil and gas workers)

Occupations in manufacturing and utilities (eg: line workers, tool and dye makers, motor vehicle assemblers, furniture and textile workers)

Student

Full-time parent

Retired

Unemployed

Decline to answer



- Progressive Canadian Party (Federal)
- Rhinoceros Party (Federal)
- Canadian Economic Party (Provincial)
- Canadians' Choice Party (Provincial)
- Communist Party of Canada Ontario (Provincial)
- Consensus Ontario (Provincial)
- Cultural Action Party of Ontario (Provincial)
- Freedom Party of Ontario (Provincial)
- Go Vegan (Provincial)
- Green Party of Ontario (Provincial)
- Multicultural Party of Ontario (Provincial)
- New Democratic Party of Ontario (Provincial)
- None of the Above Direct Democracy Party (Provincial)
- Northern Ontario Party (Provincial)
- Ontario Alliance (Provincial)
- Ontario Liberal Party (Provincial)
- Ontario Libertarian Party (Provincial)
- Ontario Moderate Party (Provincial)
- Ontario Party (Provincial)
- Ontario Provincial Confederation of Regions Party (Provincial)
- Ontario Social Reform Party
- Party for People with Special Needs (Provincial)
- Party of Objective Truth (Provincial)
- Pauper Party of Ontario (Provincial)
- Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario (Provincial)
- Stop Climate Change (Provincial)
- Stop the New Sex-Ed Agenda (Provincial)

The New People's Choice Party of Ontario (Provincial)

The Peoples' Political Party (Provincial)

Trillium Party of Ontario (Provincial)

F5. In a few short sentences, describe your thoughts regarding the involvement of political parties in municipal government.

F6. On July 27, 2018, the provincial government announced their intention to change the city council wards in Toronto. Do you agree or disagree with this move?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neutral/Don't know

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Decline to Answer

F7. In a few short sentences, please describe your thoughts regarding the provincial government's plan to change the city council wards in Toronto:



F8. Thank you for your participation. I appreciate your time and effort.

If you have questions about the survey or research project, please contact me at christopher.erl@mail.mcgill.ca; or my supervisor, Prof. Benjamin Forest, at benjamin.forest@mcgill.ca.

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If you would like to share any comments, please do so below:

