



WHY EVERY VOTE COUNTS

October 6, 2022

Monday, October 24th is municipal election day across Ontario!

In Toronto this year, with no big mayoral challenger for John Tory, there is a real risk that people will stay home on election day. That would be a mistake, because workers must elect progressive Toronto city councillors and school board trustees at the TDSB and TCDSB. Without them, rich developers with an austerity agenda will run City Hall and our children will lack the quality of education they need to succeed.

Low voter turnout usually benefits the wealthiest, who *always* vote. At the June provincial election, we had record low turnout, and that resulted in another Conservative majority. In 2018, turnout for Toronto's municipal election was only 41 per cent, so we got a council that leaned to the right.

To see why this matters, take a look at the back page of our Summer 2022 *Labour Action*. It offers 24 examples of why we need city governments that have our backs, from public sector waste management, to libraries, to improving our public transit and road safety. Just this week, we learned the city wants libraries to bring in a zero-increase budget for 2023, despite library visits being up 691% over the previous year.

Our September 2022 statement outlined challenges we have faced at the municipal level, and it articulated our vision of building a liveable city. We can achieve that vision together IF WE ACT IN THIS ELECTION.

Between now and October 24th, go and vote! The positive side of low voter turnout is that YOUR vote counts for even more!

Please check out labourcouncil.ca/Municipal2022 for our labour-endorsed candidates, including contact information for each campaign. (A list appears in the Appendix to this statement.) Not all election races include an endorsed candidate. Your union may have some additional specific endorsements for you to think about. In York Region, endorsements are being made on a union-by-union basis.

Finally, elections are about more than just voting. Take some time to do the following in the days leading up to October 24th:

- Volunteer by dropping leaflets, erecting signs, knocking on doors, or making phone calls
- Organize others to step up and support labour-endorsed candidates
- Mobilize your comrades, members, family, and friends to vote

Let's vote for what workers and our communities need!

APPENDIX – Toronto Municipal Election Endorsements

Toronto City Councillor Candidates – contact information for each campaign is on our website labourcouncil.ca/municipal2022

Ward 1	Etobicoke North	Charles Ozzoude
Ward 3	Etobicoke-Lakeshore	Amber Morley
Ward 4	Parkdale-High Park	Gord Perks (incumbent)
Ward 5	York South-Weston	Chiara Padovani
Ward 7	Humber River- Black Creek	Anthony Perruzza (incumbent)
Ward 9	Davenport	Alejandra Bravo
Ward 10	Spadina-Fort York	Ausma Malik
Ward 11	University-Rosedale	Norm Di Pasquale
Ward 13	Toronto Centre	Chris Moise
Ward 14	Toronto - Danforth	Paula Fletcher (incumbent)
Ward 15	Don Valley West	David Ricci
Ward 16	Don Valley East	Stephen Ksiazek
Ward 17	Don Valley North	Shelley Carroll (incumbent)
Ward 23	Scarborough North	Jamaal Myers

Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Trustee Candidates

Ward 4	Humber River-Black Creek	Matias De Dovitiis
Ward 5	York Centre	Angela Brandt
Ward 6	York South-Weston	Lanny Ferreira
Ward 7	Parkdale-High Park	Debbie King
Ward 9	Davenport and Spadina-Fort York	Alexis Dawson
Ward 10	University-Rosedale and Toronto Centre	Deborah Williams
Ward 13	Don Valley North	James Li (incumbent)
Ward 15	Toronto-Danforth	Sara Ehrhardt
Ward 17	Scarborough Centre	Neethan Shan
Ward 18	Scarborough Southwest	Guled Arale
Ward 19	Scarborough-Guildwood	Zakir Patel (incumbent)
Ward 20	Scarborough-Agincourt	Manna Wong(incumbent)
Ward 21	Scarborough North	Yalini Rajakulasingam(incumbent)

Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Trustee Candidates

Ward 5	North York	Gianfranco Cristiano
Ward 6	York	Frank D'Amico (incumbent)
Ward 9	Toronto	Cameron Miranda-Radbord
Ward 10	Toronto	Daniel Di Giorgio (incumbent)