

2023 Questionnaire

Toronto Mayoral Candidates

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YOUR VISION FOR SERVICE AS MAYOR

Your Political Vocation

Q. 1. What draws you to the vocation of service as Mayor of Toronto, a city of nearly 3 million people?

I want to be Mayor of Toronto so I can save the lives of Toronto residents. Livelihoods save Lives!

I want to protect our most vulnerable women and children. I think it is the duty of society to protect us, when we cannot help ourselves. As a leader, I would like to start by protecting our most vulnerable when they cannot protect themselves. I want to open a Khabib MMA Fight School in Scarborough to fight youth gun violence by creating a culture of sports champions. I want to open Toronto's first Women's Only Police Station.

I also want to stabilize our economy during a recession which we are entering. This means sticking to John Tory's plan from 2022-2026 and finishing up his job. I will edit his plans to be inclusive and sustainable but bringing in a new program for the City at this time, will create further havoc. I am 30, so a young Mayor which means John Tory can train me in July, and since he left his job ½ way- it is only fair to the original 300 000 voters that he trains the next person on his progress and future plans.

I have some big dreams for Toronto like 1million jobs using a love-based socio-economic wealth creation model and independence away from the Crown. As a Leader, I will always do what is best for Toronto and right now Toronto needs stability and restoration of faith. Big change can wait because I believe deeply in democracy and working together with everyone in unity- so when that

time comes, I will stand by your side too.

Q. 2. What experience do you have that qualifies you to serve as Mayor? (Please feel free to point to an online or attached CV if desired)

I am an expert international development consultant and economics researcher with expertise in results-based financial planning, project monitoring and evaluation, data analysis and knowledge-based reporting techniques. The diversity of my work portfolio focuses on building resiliency in the economy, infrastructure, and climate information systems while incorporating a gender-sensitive framework. I have worked with the World Bank, UNESCO, governments, developers and the private sector. I have worked directly with Toronto residents for over 15 years including through Kids Help Phone and Toronto East General Hospital. I am born, raised and educated in Toronto. I went to Leaside High School for French Immersion and graduated from University of Toronto. I worked at UofT for the Equity and Diversity Office as well. I attached a reference letter for your review. I am really great, the clear candidate to victory this election!

Q.3. What are the most important things you hope to accomplish as Mayor?

- 1. Open a Khabib MMA Fight School at the old Robert Borden Technical Institute for programs in MMA/Soccer MMA/Hockey and MMA/Basketball.**
- 2. Open a Women's Only Police Station that provides policing to the most vulnerable women and children alongside women's health services.**
- 3. Make the TTC FREE using a new mobile-app, users watch ads while they commute on their phones and are credited to their Presto accounts.**

Life & Human Dignity

Q.4. Catholics believe that we are all lost children of God, and that the purpose of this life is to find our way home to God – most importantly, by ensuring that our neighbours are enabled and encouraged to search for truth as well. What is your understanding of the purpose of life, and how does that inform your proposed policies?

The purpose of Life is UNITY WITH GOD. To become 1 with God, so that 'I' die, before I die. That is the purpose of life, to experience death while being alive. Once we kill our egos (THE I), we are left with only Love as our output- we are the Love of God and as we give of "I", we give the love of God and become one with God.

My policies are all based on LOVE and removing violence is an act of love. Everything I do is about creating a more loving place that is tolerant and respectful of all beliefs.

Having faith in God, gives me a backbone to stand up for truth and fight for justice. Everything I do in my life is for God and may God forgive me- and reward me.

Q.5. Many Torontonians are rightly concerned with making diversity, equity, and inclusion a reality within our city. True efforts in such direction will not neglect those challenged by mental or physical disabilities. What is your plan for making Toronto truly accessible to all?

I am the only candidate offering 24/hour Office with MOBILE SERVICES! I will make all the councilors add mobile services to their offices, so if the residents need us and are challenged to make it to the office- we will come to them. I did this in COVID- by doing door-to-door vaccines for seniors and it worked great!

For diversity inclusion, my plan right now is keeping schools and municipal building APOLITICAL. This means I strongly disagree with allowing the Pride flags in Toronto public schools or municipal buildings. However, I believe in democracy and will work with City Council to come to a decision as required. There are only two genders; male or female.

However, all people have the right to God's love, respect and human rights and I will fight to save the lives of transwomen always because they are at risk when violence increases in a society! I am very fair and will treat all people with justice and fairness, not equality- but equity.

Q.6. Prominent current issues facing Toronto include homelessness and access to affordable housing. What can or should the City of Toronto do about housing? Are there others – other levels of government, charitable agencies, for example – that might be supported, called upon, and encouraged to help in such work? How should any such organizations cooperate?

Housing:

Housing needs to be built and I think it needs to be built throughout the city in all neighbourhoods which will attract different types of developers. Right now, the City attracts a very low quality of developers, looking to buy cheap land in poor neighbourhoods and make profits by selling those 'condos' at higher rates than the local apartment rent. It is an unjust and unsustainable model which is why it fails. We have dying towns in Ontario that need residents and have infrastructure that needs renovations, not new construction. I will work with Ontario and Canada to fill these towns and create new jobs for young people entering the construction industry as well the homeless/refugees that live there. This allows for real pathways to homeownership similar to Habitat for Humanity and increases domestic food production greatly!

Also I am very honest and I will not take any bribes from any developers. This is going to make good developers interested in Toronto as they will feel they have a fair chance at winning bids and we will get better quality housing produced as well.

Homeless:

Working on the ground level for 15 years; these are the two main people I would put at the FOREFRONT of creating HOUSING = HUMAN RIGHTS solutions. This means if you are without a home, you will get a home not a shelter bed.

- 1. Dr. Andrew Boozary, Executive Director of Population Health and Social Medicine from University Health Network.**
- 2. Angela Robertson, Executive Director at Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre.**

Youth homelessness is related to child sex abuse in many cases and the Women's Police Station will help create prevention programs that are not related to lack of housing but alcohol/drugs use.

Homeless women also face higher levels of domestic abuse and the Women's Police Station will have partner organizations directly settled in the station to help create holistic solutions that work for each client so victims of domestic violence are never made homeless again in this City or fearful of worst conditions outside their relationship if they choose to leave.

Q.7. The news suggests that anxiety and mental health are also among the important issues facing Toronto – incidents, including violent attacks, on the TTC, for example. What can or should the City of Toronto do about to address mental health and safety on the sidewalk? Are there others – other levels of government, charitable agencies, for example – that might be supported, called upon, and encouraged to help in such work?

I want to shut down all injection sites. Drugs are not the solution to mental health.

There is also an increase in HIV rates and transmissions in Toronto, so the needles are a very dangerous to risk near any child or park!!! FULL STOP!!!

I like Alberta's health model of Forcing Treatment for addictions. If a person cannot help themselves, it is the duty of society to help them- not let them walk around on our sidewalks.

A lot of mental health problems cannot be solved without housing. So, providing housing immediately to the homeless is critical. Dr. Boozary says the cost of supportive housing is \$3000 a month and much less than jails, hospitals or shelters. So, there are economic benefits to solving this problem as well.

Care for the Environment

Q.8. The City of Toronto has long been engaged with care for the environment. Yet it can do more, particularly as awareness grows of the urgent nature of climate crises. Catholic teaching recognizes that what happens with the environment affects every aspect of our lives, everywhere on the planet. Pope Francis, like many faith leaders before him, has called on us to “work together” to ensure God’s creation is protected for future generations. How do you intend to promote collaborative and effective approaches to municipal climate change commitments, such as the TransformTO Net Zero strategy, to ensure care for the environment is consistently and urgently prioritized?

MAKE THE TTC FREE! I make the TTC FREE using a mobile-app. We have over 60 million riders annually, if Twitter and Facebook can provide users with free services through advertising revenue- so can the TTC.

Have you ever seen your local Toronto restaurant advertised on the TTC? No, because it is too expensive. But using digital videos! We can provide low-cost solutions to all Toronto businesses to advertise on the TTC mobile-app and create a \$billion-dollar company which can expand province wide! Really!

The best part is you ride the TTC for free! Just watch ads on your commute and get credited to your Presto account.

This will clean the air instantly as less drivers on the road and less traffic. This will also help poor workers save money from their daily wages. The Free TTC will increase ridership, doubling to 120 million users in year 1, increase our advertising revenue from 25 million to 250 million. As service quality increases, less people will drive cars, less people will buy cars and we will decrease our demand for fossil fuels as we make public transit, green and clean.

I also have ways to reduce restaurant food waste using the FREE TTC app, which will allow restaurants to advertise closing time deals directly on the mobile-app per station “a hyper-local” strategy that gives commuters low-cost meals and restaurants do not throw their profits in the garbage.

I have a real business plan for my campaign promises that do not need tax raises! But the others do not have any real plans to publish and will “share” my work. I have been working on creating world-class festivals to create dialogue and peace between different people and bring tourism into Toronto and Scarborough. I have been working on creating state-of-the-art facilities for our youth through the Khabib MMA School. They are just using my campaign points but I am the one who has the real business plans.

An Economy to Serve People

Q.9. Among the greatest challenges faced by Toronto is affordable, accessible, and timely public transportation, particularly as an alternative to the use of personal vehicles. Vehicle congestion aggravates not only health concerns, but difficulties faced by Torontonians in maintaining dignified and fulfilling work. What are your plans for effectively addressing this problem? What approach would you take to expanding public transit, improved access for pedestrians and cyclists, and rejuvenation of infrastructure to make it easier for people in Toronto to access all the opportunities Toronto has to offer?

The Free TTC app works with WIFI. My plan is to bring Elon Musk's STARLINK (satellite internet) to TORONTO, starting with the TTC. Satellite internet infrastructure will be easier to install and at a lower cost than using Rogers. As the TTC provides free and better service, people will choose the TTC to get around Toronto and save their monthly travel budgets. Everyone wants to save money; I can help them do it and stop traffic and protect the environment.

- How do you propose to address highway congestion, including for example on the 401, 427, Gardiner, and DVP highways?
 - **Making the TTC Free, automatically gives people a reason to take the TTC to work and will decrease rush hour traffic on highways!**
- Do you support expansion of the bike lanes system?
 - **Bikelanes need to be stopped especially in construction areas as it is creating a lot of delays!**
 - **I will create bikeways. Bikeways that are their own roads connected to existing biking trails, side streets and alleys directly to bike parking locations.**

Order & Public Safety

Q.10. As noted above, anxiety and mental health issues arising from the pandemic seem to be the cause of an alarming number of violent assaults in Toronto, including on the TTC, with many people - including those suffering mental illness - becoming victims. Street racing remains a hazardous and potentially lethal pastime among young Torontonians. What steps would you take to both reduce the threat of these and other hazards, and to address their underlying causes?

I cannot stop young people from picking up guns. I can eradicate the anger in their hearts. One way is through the MMA Fight School which gives them a safe space to release negative emotions. Before they shoot a gun, there is extreme anger. So as anger levels decrease in the youth population, we can expect to see less extreme violent events. MMA helps young men gain confidence, respect and discipline. Khabib is a wholesome leader that will guide youth away from drugs and gangs.

The gym will also provide youth with direct access to community leaders like fight school teachers and older youth role models. These leaders have lived experience, may have lived tough lives and have real wisdom to share with the youth. The youth respect them and will listen to them over any politician.

This is why I want to make it a “KHABIB” MMA fight school, because the youth will listen to Khabib- the world champion in MMA. If he says brother, do not fight outside on street- they will listen.

Street Racing: They will not stop so we have to give them a race track funded through a new car festival. This way they all go to the Official race track and away from our roads and highways. We can create racing requirements like NASCAR and insurance liability waivers.

THEN we increase the Fines for racing to mandatory JAIL TIME/No Licence for Life because racing kills- as a means of prevention.

I am a conservative-progressive, my campaign is about TOUGH LOVE so we can have a more loving and more resilient City.

Please help me! The media has given me 0 attention. I do not take any donations in my elections because I am an honest business woman that has real solutions to help our City. I am using my campaign cards from 2022, because I love trees and I do not like wasting resources.

I care about saving your lives, it is my duty to lead when I have been given knowledge and resources. I am trying my best.

On June 26th- I need volunteers to get out the vote. That is critical! And we will win as we need a lot less voters given the large number of candidates.

If you fear God, I love you!

Thank you!

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