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Do you identify as a member of a 2SLGBTQI+ community? No

What party are you running with? Green Party of Ontario

What riding are you seeking election in? Cambridge

What do you believe are the most critical issues for the local 2SLGBTQI+ community? If elected, how would you work with the local community to address these issues?

My child is trans non-binary and I have seen how challenging it is to navigate this world in general. First they had a long tough road of mental health struggles when they were young. I cried myself to sleep too many times worrying about them. And now that they have come out, they seem to be so much happier and settled in themselves, but navigating the world of cruel people with phobias and public washrooms and clothing stores and simple conversations ... and... and... and. When the City of Cambridge was considering a rainbow crosswalk, I made sure to speak up publicly in favour of it. I was appalled with the backlash and the resulting slow response from council. I sent each councilor a letter and had it public on my website and social media. Cambridge has a LONG way to go to make this city 2SLGBTQI+ friendly and I would be honoured to continue to stand as an ally with you.

Have you and your staff team ever participated in 2SLGBTQI+ Cultural Competency Training?

We don't have a staff, just a small team of volunteers, 3 of whom I chose because they identify as 2SLGBTQI+.

Systemic homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia are still prevalent in Ontario, resulting in significant socioeconomic disparities within 2SLGBTQI+ communities. If elected, how will you combat homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia?

I will listen to the 2SLGBTQI community and be a strong support to amplify your voices and needs. I will stand with you strong and proud.

If elected, how would you address the ongoing issues of homelessness and mental health, especially as they disproportionately affect members of the 2SLGBTQI+ community?

The short answer is, I will do everything I can. For the past several years my partner and I have been heavily involved with Habitat for Humanity. My partner has worked on Habitat boards challenging them to build more and build faster. I see the problem and challenges close up.

Do you agree with the statement that "trans rights are human rights, and must be protected as such?"

Yes

If elected, do you commit to supporting the creation of a Provincial 2SLGBTQI+ Secretariat and the appointment of a Parliamentary Special Advisor on 2SLGBTQI+ Issues?

Yes

If elected, do you commit to supporting the expansion of current Ontario public health insurance to include all medically necessary gender-affirming care procedures?

Yes

If elected, do you commit to supporting the creation of a dedicated funding program of no less than \$25 million a year, for 2SLGBTQI+ social and community services?

Yes