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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? Kitchener South - Hespeler

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?

Intolerance and systemic discrimination. Awareness and education is important, as is holding people to account in the educational and work force settings when rights are violated.

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

Yes

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 have said that awareness and education is important, as is holding people to account in the educational and work force settings when rights are violated. I would be open to hearing the needs and suggestions of the communities affected in order to develop best response strategies.

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

We need a housing first strategy, with permanent supportive housing with wrap around services for those who need them. Mental Health must be brought under OHIP. Not all homeless require mental health, but everyone deserves a home and everyone deserves the services they need.

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