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**FUN Election Questionnaire May 25, 2018**

On May 25, 2018 our organization sent out the following 10 questions to the leaders of the Green, NDP, Liberal and Conservative Parties. Two of the parties, the New Democrats and the Green Party of Ontario have sent their responses which we will post below. Should the Liberal and Progressive Parties answer our questionnaire before Election Day we will be happy to post their responses as well.

1. **Affordable Housing**

The federal government has announced a national housing strategy to build affordable housing over the next decade, and it requires provincial participation and funding. Will you continue/not continue the affordable housing initiatives undertaken by the current provincial government?

2. **Child Care**

The provincial government has proposed to provide free child care for children two and a half years and older. Will you continue or discontinue this program?

3. **Property Taxes for Cultural Hubs**

The current provincial government agreed to lower property taxes for cultural hubs such as 401 Richmond Street West in Toronto and has shown an interest in further tax reforms to protect retail strips with smaller merchants. Would you reconsider provincial tax policy to allow these programs?

4. **School Boards and Taxation Powers**

Does your party favour school boards being granted supplementary taxation powers?

5. **Transportation**

The Downtown Relief Line is the key subway priority for Toronto. Would you be willing/not willing to invest in this as a high priority?

6. **Cycling Strategy**

The provincial government announced a Provincial Cycling Network Plan in 2016 using cap and trade funds. Will you continue or discontinue this program?

7. **Protection and Enlargement of the Greenbelt**

Do you support the current permanent protection provided by the Greenbelt? Do you support its expansion?

8. **OMB Reform**

The Ontario government recently implemented the new Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) as a true appeal body to replace the OMB.

a. Do you agree with this change? Would you alter this tribunal in any way?

b. Do you agree or disagree with the change intended: to restore the role of municipalities in land use planning?

c. Part of the LPAT program is support for communities to prepare for hearings. Currently an office has been set up in Toronto. Would you have this as a central office serving the entire province or will you have regional offices to provide this support?

9. **Environmental Protection**

a. Would you strengthen or ease the rules and regulations governing environmental protection in Ontario?

b. Aside from carbon taxes and cap and trade, what other measures does your party advocate to deal with climate change?

c. Does your party advocate any measures for protecting mature trees on private property?

10. **Election Reform – Ranked Ballots**

In 2016 the provincial government adopted legislation permitting municipalities to adopt ranked balloting for local elections.

a. Do you favour making ranked balloting mandatory at the municipal level?

b. Does your party advocate any other reforms in how municipal elections are conducted?