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*The following answers were provided by the candidate in response to [a letter sent by the Toronto Society of Architects on September 20, 2022](#) outlining three questions related to issues of the built environment. Answers have been copied and pasted into this page for clarity and ease of access, but all answers are verbatim and no changes or edits have been made.*

**Q1: Housing is a fundamental human right, and yet an increasing number of residents across the Greater Toronto Area are struggling to pay rent or find an affordable place to live. What policies and actions do you believe need to be implemented to address this crisis?**

**A:** Please review my platform solutions:

Housing is a right— not an option.

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**Q2: The design, construction and operation of our built environment accounts for nearly 40% of energy related carbon emissions, contributing to the ongoing climate crisis affecting us today. What do you believe needs to be prioritised to reduce carbon emissions within the built environment?**

**A:** Mandatory passivhaus design and build requirements surpassing Leed standards while ensuring accessibility through universal design must be our minimum baseline in the age of awareness, understanding and access to innovative solutions to mitigate the climate crisis affecting the world today. Implementation of long term environmentally friendly solutions and materials is the part we can do now to benefit our future and the future of those to come. Together we succeed! 

**Q3: In towns and cities, so much of life happens in the shared public spaces—in our parks, libraries and streets. How can we ensure these civic spaces achieve design excellence in their initial conception and construction, and that they are properly maintained so they may continue to serve future generations?**

**A:** Please review my answer to question #2.