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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: My constituents are proposing the idea of a housing commissioner who will take care of all the budgeting and infra structure of the initiative. Low cost housing will be provided and certain stakeholders will invest in it. Qualified low income families will benefit from it. The housing would be of good quality and affordability.

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: To reduce carbon emission, new technologies including green technologies would be implemented and given priority over old technologies.

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: The idea of roof top gardens and smart concepts like this will guarantee the sustenance of these facilities. Also, volunteering to maintain these facilities will reduce the monetary burden on the municipalities to maintain these very fundamental icons of our cities.