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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:** What needs to happen is all new development must get back to the 25% range for affordable housing for all new development. It sits at 10%.

This is one way to create housing for those that need it most.

**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:** It's pretty tough to bring down emissions when the you continue to build. That only adds to the problem. Certain areas in the city have a lot of idling trucks that cause air pollution and should be relocated if possible.

**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:** First off, make sure green space is put in all new development areas. Properly maintaining them would have to be scheduled within the appropriate departments within the city. Public space is probably the most important concept in all planning. It is so important for the mental health just to be outside for everyone.

