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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: I believe more affordable housing needs to be built whether that be tiny homes, mobile homes or prefab homes. The trend of building multi million dollar condos in place of affordable apartments with geared to income rent while the local residence are struggling to live with some even living in tents is in my opinion unacceptable. As a member of Canada's first nations I do believe it is everyone's right to have affordable living .

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: Climate is a very touchy subject for most people with a hot debate both for and against while I recognize the impact we may be having on the planet I do not believe there is much 1 country can do about it, however I do think we should continue to research better more environmentally friendly ways to continue to build this amazing country we all share.

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: For existing sites I believe the towns/cities should be budgeting for the maintenance of these different sites. For

future sites I believe more public input is needed for design and functionality and I don't mean random council and town officials I mean if you are building an outdoor skating rink for example for ages 10-18 anyone in that age group should have a say in how it is built as in my opinion they are the ones that are going to be using it so why cut them out and just hope its suitable for them. Public opinion is a big thing for me as in my experience many citizens have a better understanding of bylaws and regulations then even the local paid town staff do.