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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: Housing issue is such a complex issue but still there are certain areas to work on reducing the crisis. I will be advocating for Students residence/Hostels, development of rental apartment units (mid - high rise). Increase affordable housing for seniors. And programs for First time home buyers in Brampton.

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: Advocacy for Renewable energy, Green Communities, Energy efficient homes, Increased number of Electric Vehicles in Transportation, enhance implementation of LRT. To achieve more I will investigate current environmental development plans and mark the gaps to address.

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: Community engagement is my priority to understand their needs and align the development requirements accordingly. I will also work with social organizations, clubs and associations to get their feedback and input to align the demand of residents to have best use of these spaces.