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The following answers were provided by the candidate in response to <u>a letter sent by the Toronto Society</u> <u>of Architects on September 20, 2022</u> 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:** Remove red tape and allow permit to build more homes. Provincial Governments to Build Homes in Rural area of Ontario and give ownership on easy mortgage installment, which should be 50% less then the bank rate. Or give free land in rural area to move to and have ownership of but cannot be sold for next 10 years to create stronger family and business connections to the rural area.

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:** Design should be like everything is on walking distance, school, shopping, offices, and other services are on walking distance and no use car. Use recycle material and turn into building material and use this material in new building. Use solar power, energy efficient house so no pollution or very less pollution.

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?

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A: Whenever we make park, libraries and streets design not for current use, it should be for future use. How we can use future use, we can compile previous population data, status of population and what population expected to increase in next 50 years. If we design for current use, it useless next 5 to 10 years. It should be future planning and think about next 50 years minimum requirement. If we think next 50 years planning we never waste our tax money.