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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 May 16, 2023](#) outlining four 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: As a mayor I will be bringing up the fact that Toronto is facing a homeless crisis and it drastically needs to be reduced. The only truthful way that this can be done is by building affordable housing NOW! To reach this goal I am quite aware that Toronto needs to find the lands, the space and the resources to build at least 80 000 units to help reduce the crisis. I have already spoke to construction companies about this crisis and they are willing to build the moment I do become mayor. We need to reduce the amount of condos that are being built that the average person in Toronto cannot afford. We need to stop selling off city or public land to private people that only allows few individuals to be set while all rest go without.

As a mayor, I will be connecting with the federal and province level about the issue of payments and jobs need to be paid out to afford the living cost in Toronto.

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: When building I want people to be ware of the carbon emission in their back of minds and to find the best possible means and methods to be applied so that when they are building to reduce carbon emissons. I want the best practices to be used within the city when building. Once buildings have been built I am in favor of the HVAC

system in place. Making sure proper materials that can keep heat within the units and buildings during winter months and keeping it cool in the summer are used and required.

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: Our parks, the artwork and the lands need to be preserve for generation to come. The utmost is to make sure that these areas are maintained and looked after. As a mayor, I want to have it looked down upon people who trash or cause damages to the parks. I want people to have parks to enjoy and encourage the dog parks that allow certain areas for dogs to run around without a leash and have a social life too.

Q4: Toronto’s modern architectural heritage is at risk, with both the redevelopment of Ontario Place and the potential demolition of the Ontario Science Centre jeopardizing some of the most important architectural landmarks in the country. Other modern buildings, including city-owned properties, have been left to decay with inadequate maintenance. What measures will you take as Mayor to protect, preserve and revitalize our city’s 20th century built legacy?

A: To protect and preserve our buildings and parks and public spaces I will discourage any type of plans to rebuild. As I said in my previous question I will bring awareness that trashing or causing damages to these certain areas of the city is not to be tolerated and must be maintained so that everyone can enjoy including the wildlife that has very little space or room.