



ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS OTTAWA

The Way Forward

- ✓ DEFINE THE NEED
- ✓ PLAN FOR IT
- ✓ PRIORITIZE PREVENTION
- ✓ INNOVATE

7,530



INDIVIDUALS

Accessed a shelter in Ottawa in 2017

182



FAMILIES

Were living in off-site motels in 2017

- * 11% of Ottawa's shelter users are **YOUTH**
- * 21% of single shelter users in Ottawa are **SINGLE WOMEN**
- * 20% of all unique shelter users, and 36% of families living in Ottawa's shelters are **NEWCOMERS**

ENGAGE YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Here are some questions that you can ask your local government representatives on issues of homelessness and affordable housing.

1. Will you champion the development of a comprehensive affordable housing strategy for Ottawa? Would you support the inclusion in the strategy of clear targets, outcomes and benchmarks - along with shelter use reduction goals, to be reported on annually?
2. What do you see as the main barriers/problems impacting the supply of affordable housing in your community? How would you address those barriers?
3. Would you commit to setting a target for the amount of affordable housing to be developed every year? How would you ensure these targets are met?
4. Would you support a strong citywide Inclusionary Zoning by-law that ensures 25% of new development is dedicated to affordable housing, and places a special emphasis on deeply affordable housing within 1km of rapid transit stations?
5. Would you commit to supporting the creation of a dedicated annual capital investment envelope earmarked for new affordable housing development, over and above provincial and federal grants? Would you champion a tax increase of 1% to raise \$14 million in support of this commitment?
6. How will you improve the consultation process to involve our community in development and city growth issues?
7. How will you address the concerns of residents, businesses, organizations and neighbourhoods that are resistant to change?
8. Would you be a champion to advocating for provincial and federal levels of government to ensure funds are available to support prevention based approaches to reducing homelessness, and to alleviate housing affordability needs in Ottawa?

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