

# **GORD ELLIOTT**

## **FOR**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT OF**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 1) "Before seeking this office, what have you done to support grassroots democracy?"

I became a Member of the Reform Party of Canada in 1993, specifically because it promoted grassroots democracy. I continued my membership in the Canadian Alliance and the Conservative Party of Canada because they did too.

I became a Member of the Wildrose Party in 2009 because it promoted grassroots democracy and continued my membership in the United Conservative Party of Alberta after its formation in 2017 because it did too.

After the 2008 election, the Conservative Party of Canada formed a minority government. I represented its Members who lived in Alberta on its National Council which had to decide how to handle candidate nominations in the 143 electoral districts that its candidates had won because the government could be defeated at any time. I persuaded National Council that the party should let the Members in those 143 electoral districts vote on the issue and if 25% of the Members wanted the party to hold a nomination contest, it would do so. The party held votes in the 143 electoral districts and in three of them, the Members voted to hold a nomination contest.

2) **"Before seeking this office, what have you done to support choice in education?"**

**I was the first fulltime volunteer on Ted Morton's campaign for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta in both 2006 and 2011. Ted believed that for education of students by the provincial government, the money should follow the student so that the student's parents would choose how they wanted their child educated, and the province would send its financial support to the person or organization that the parents chose to educate their child.**

**I am a Member of the United Conservative Party of Alberta and support its principle to "affirm the family as the building block of society and the means by which citizens pass on their values and beliefs and ensure that families are protected from intrusion by government." I also support its vision for education which includes "The United Conservative Party of Alberta is committed to... a) affirming the right of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children."**