



ON OCTOBER 22ND VOTE FOR A BETTER TORONTO FOR ALL

Tired of paying too much for rent? Walking to save on bus fare?
Having trouble finding a good job? Frustrated with expensive child care fees?

You are not alone.

Life in Toronto is getting more expensive every day, and far too many people are being left behind. **One in 4 children** and **1 in 5 adults** in Toronto live in poverty.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

HOUSING

Nearly half of households in our city are renters.

47%

OF RENTERS

SPEND **>30%**
OF THEIR INCOME
ON SHELTER



The City of Toronto committed to build 10,000 affordable housing units by 2019. But less than half will be built by then — and most won't be truly affordable for low-income residents.

JOBS

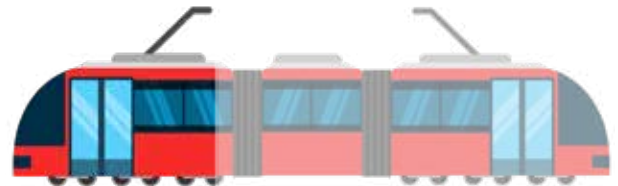
Many Toronto workers struggle with short-term, temporary jobs, low wages, and no benefits. Women, youth, and members of racialized groups are especially affected.



>50%

OF TORONTO WORKERS
LACK FULL-TIME, PERMANENT
JOBS WITH BENEFITS

TRANSIT



AFTER PAYING RENT & TAXES,
MINIMUM WAGE FAMILIES SPEND
35% OF THEIR REMAINING
INCOME ON TRANSIT

Fares keep increasing, but not enough public money is being invested in services. Between 2009 and 2018, the cost of the monthly Metropass went up by \$37.25, to \$146.25.

CHILD CARE

It costs more than \$20,000 a year to place an infant in a licensed child care centre in Toronto.

Only 1 in 5 children under age 13 have access to licensed child care. Almost all child care centres in Toronto have waiting lists.

75%

OF FAMILIES



CAN'T
AFFORD
CHILD CARE



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HOW CAN CITY COUNCIL MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The City of Toronto can reduce poverty by fully implementing TO Prosperity (Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy), and by committing to:

- Build 7,200 new **supportive housing units**, at least 4,000 new **deeply affordable rental housing units**, and 1,000 new **shelter spaces** during the next four years.
- Reduce **TTC fares** for an additional 157,000 lower-income adults.
- Ensure that new real estate developments provide **good, living wage jobs** for local communities, including youth, through community benefits agreements with developers.
- Create 11,500 new **child care spaces**, including 5,000 **subsidized spaces**.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CANDIDATES:

- Do you support the full funding and implementation of Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy?
- What is your plan for creating more good jobs in Toronto?
- How will you help families and individuals secure and maintain safe, decent, and affordable housing?
- How and when will you make TTC fares affordable for everyone, especially low-income people?
- How will you help all families access affordable, licensed child care in their neighbourhoods?

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