

Calls to Candidates for Toronto's 2026 City Election on Disability Poverty Reduction



What are the issues?

It is well documented that disabled people face [more extreme rates of poverty](#) compared to their non-disabled counterparts, which deepens for people who experience additional marginalization (e.g. disabled 2 Spirit youth). This is largely due to social assistance rates that are [far below the poverty line](#), income support from other layers of government not meeting actual need and difficult to qualify for (e.g. Canada Disability Benefit) and a lack of accessible and welcoming employment opportunities that provide at least a living wage.



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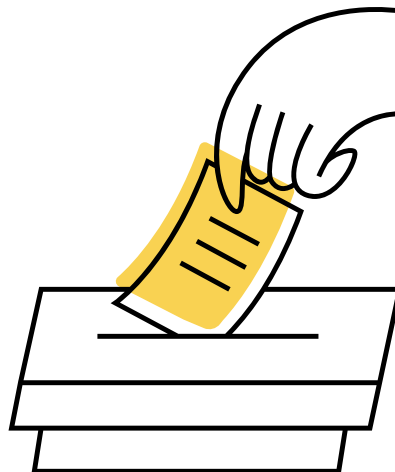
As a candidate who is running for election in my ward:

1. What will you do to ensure that City Council increases disability-specific investments within Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS), including accessibility and disability inclusion, transparent and publicly reported disability-inclusion budget lines, and measurable accessibility/disability-inclusion targets across PRS-related programs?
2. How will you influence City Council in advocating for adequate income rates from provincial and federal disability income programs such as ODSP and the Canada Disability Benefit, to lift disabled people out of legislated poverty?
3. What are your plans to increase accessible employment and training opportunities for disabled residents within the municipal government, that include at minimum, a living wage related to Toronto's cost of living?

What can you do?

There are different ways that you can take action to have your voice heard this election!

1. Learn more about the issues. Social Planning Toronto has a list of [election resources](#) including webinars and events. You can also check out the full [City For All](#) platform.
2. Find who to contact by [finding your ward](#) and the [list of local candidates](#).
3. Reach out to your local candidates by phone, email or social media and share these calls to action (or come up with your own!) with them.
4. Make sure you are [registered to vote](#). You can vote by [mail-in ballot](#), in advanced polls or on [election day](#).
5. Stay in touch with GTADC's election work by signing up for our [Call to Action News](#) and check out our [Election Resources page](#)!



Vote by mail: By October 14

Advanced Polls: October 6-11

Election Day: October 26