

Calls to Candidates for Toronto's 2026 City Election on Accessible and Affordable Housing



What are the issues?

It is well known that Toronto is in the midst of a housing crisis. This crisis [disproportionately impacts disability communities](#) as many live in deep poverty, and some require accessible housing.

Accessibility is often left out of affordable housing conversations and has been absent from shelter planning discussions too. There is currently a critical [lack of accessible units](#) with waitlists that are extremely long, while many shelters remain inaccessible. The accessible housing gap is more extreme for Black, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+, and other marginalized disabled people who require housing that prioritizes their safety.



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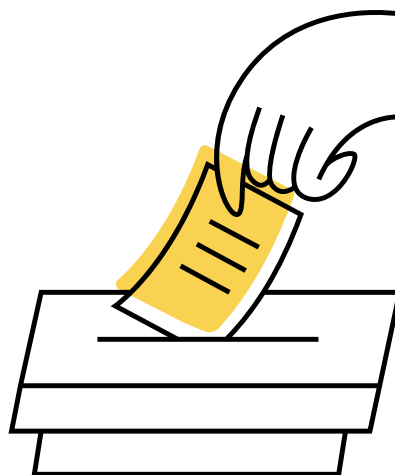
As a candidate who is running for election in my ward:

1. What will you do to ensure that City Council acts on their commitments to increase accessible housing, develop an up-to-date inventory of accessible units, and restate its request to the province to improve income support programs so that disabled residents can meet their basic needs.
2. Will you commit to calling for the City's capital shelter plan to prioritize construction of all new shelter sites with 100% universal design standards, given the profound accessibility gaps in city shelter sites?
3. Will you strongly support the renewal of the City's Housing Rights Advocacy Committee in council's next term?

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