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Dear Mayor Crombie,

On behalf of the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to share Mississauga's priorities in this federal election.

We share these priorities and continue to build on the significant investments we've made to support public transit, new affordable housing, and sustainable infrastructure in our communities. We are also supporting our businesses through the pandemic, and investing to foster their recovery and future growth.

Below you will find the Liberal Party of Canada's formal responses to your questionnaire. As expressed in our responses, our Liberal team has consistently demonstrated that Mississauga's priorities are a Liberal government's priorities.

Through the pandemic, we've demonstrated that we will do whatever it takes, for as long as it takes, to help Canadians, Canadian businesses, and Canadian communities through this crisis.

Our track record shows that the City of Mississauga can trust a re-elected Liberal government to be a partner on both the City's immediate needs and long-term ambitions. We are committed to moving forward, for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Trudeau', written over a white background.

Justin Trudeau  
Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada

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## **1) Connected, Seamless, Rapid Public Transit**

We are committed to better public transit in Mississauga. That is why the Liberal government made the largest public transit investment in the history of the Greater Toronto Area. In May of this year, we announced its support for four shovel-ready public transit projects in the GTA, totaling \$26.8 billion. These projects included the Scarborough Subway Extension, Eglinton Crosstown West, Ontario Line, and the Yonge North Subway Extension.

In addition to these commitments, and since 2015, we have already invested over \$13 billion in more than 1,300 public transit projects across Canada, building more than 240 km of new public transit subway and light rail line. We also established permanent public transit funding of \$3 billion per year for Canadian communities.

This track record shows that a re-elected Liberal government can be trusted to partner with cities, like Mississauga, who are prioritizing investments in public infrastructure.

## **2) Sustainable and Green Infrastructure**

The Liberal government acknowledged that core infrastructure like roads, bridges, community centres, and water and wastewater plants are the backbone of communities, and that some of this infrastructure was put at risk due to the pandemic. That is why we brought forward legislation offering a one-time investment of \$2.2 billion to address infrastructure priorities in municipalities and First Nations communities, doubling the federal government's regular funding for municipalities and First Nations communities from the Gas Tax Fund. A new Community-Building Fund will continue to support municipalities and create good local jobs.

In Budget 2021, we also committed \$22.6 million to conduct Canada's first ever National Infrastructure Assessment. This assessment will help all orders of government make informed decisions about infrastructure projects.

Additionally, a re-elected Liberal government will create open-access climate toolkits to help infrastructure owners and investors develop projects that ensure Canada is on the path to a net-zero emissions and resilient future. Building on our existing climate lens requirement for federally funded infrastructure projects, these toolkits will offer resiliency assessment methodologies, opportunities for incorporating low-carbon technologies and building materials, and carbon emission calculation guidelines. We will also invest an additional \$200 million in the Natural Infrastructure Fund to continue funding



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community led public green space projects in collaboration with municipalities, Indigenous communities, and nonprofit organizations.

### **3) Affordable, Middle-Class Housing**

We launched Canada's first-ever National Housing Strategy. We introduced legislation recognizing the right of Canadians to access adequate housing. We tripled the federal government's investment in homelessness prevention and reduction, and we are on track to reduce chronic homelessness by 50% by 2027. And, in response to the immediate challenges of COVID-19, we launched the Rapid Housing Initiative, investing \$2.5 billion to create at least 9,200 new units of affordable housing across Canada.

In this election, the Liberal Plan for Housing includes a \$4 billion for a new Housing Accelerator Fund which will grow the annual housing supply in the country's largest cities every year, creating a target of 100,000 new middle class homes by 2024-25. This application-based fund will offer support to municipalities that: grow housing supply faster than their historical average; increase densification; speed-up approval times; tackle NIMBYism and establish inclusionary zoning bylaws; and encourage public transit-oriented development. This fund will support a wide range of eligible municipal investments, including red tape reduction efforts, and reward cities and communities that build more homes, faster.

At the core of all of these measures is a commitment to building housing systems that provide permanent housing solutions to Canadians. We support the housing aspirations of the City. A re-elected Liberal Government will work with the City to make those aspirations a reality.

### **4) Business and Community Support**

Investments made by the Liberal government represent more than 8 out of every 10 dollars spent in Canada to fight COVID-19 and support Canadians. These investments include the historic Safe Restart Agreement, which provided over \$19 billion in federal funding to help provinces, territories, and municipalities like Mississauga safely restart the economy. The Safe Restart Agreement increased testing and contact tracing, reinforced capacity in our health care systems, and gave municipalities the funding they needed to deliver essential services like transit and housing support.

From the very beginning of the pandemic, our approach has been clear. We have done whatever it takes to help Canadians through this crisis. We have invested in every necessary public health measure. We have supported Canadians and Canadian businesses. We have worked to ensure the Canadian economy is



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poised for a strong recovery. Canadians and communities requiring additional support from the federal government can trust that a re-elected Liberal Government will deliver that support.