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Your Worship,

Mississauga is my home. It is the city I was privileged to lead for nearly a decade. I'm ready to keep serving our community as Premier of Ontario and MPP for Mississauga East–Cooksville.

As the Mayor of Mississauga, our team:

- Ended exclusionary zoning, allowed gentle density to be built in our communities and higher density near transit. Not only did that [increase much-needed housing supply in our city](#), but also created the “missing middle” homes to deliver a broad range of housing options for everyone.
- Secured full funding for the Hazel McCallion LRT, one of the largest public transit projects in our city. [Despite the initial cancellation](#), the Ford government [finally decided to move forward with the downtown loop of the LRT](#) once I got elected as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- [Completed the 12-km long Mississauga Transitway Bus Rapid Transit \(BRT\) project](#), and [secured funding for the Dundas BRT](#) project.

I am also proud of my economic record as Mayor. Under my leadership, Mississauga:

- Created almost 27 new jobs every day.
- Was ranked as the most business-friendly mid-size city in the Western hemisphere by the [Foreign Direct Investment's](#) American Cities of the Future report.
- Placed fourth in [economic potential](#), and third in cost-effectiveness and connectivity.

When Mississauga thrives, so does Ontario. Mississauga's priorities are my priorities too. I am delighted to respond to your letter with our commitment to [get the basics right](#) and deliver more for the City of Mississauga. Here is how I would address your priorities:

## **Housing-Enabling Investments**

- **Building More Affordable Housing:** As Premier of Ontario, tackling the generational housing challenge is a key priority. Through my [More Homes You Can Afford](#) plan, I will introduce the [Better Communities Fund](#) to provide municipalities with permanent, reliable, and predictable provincial funding for housing-enabling infrastructure—eliminating Development Charges to accelerate home construction. I will also work with you on a fair deal for municipalities so residents aren't burdened with the rising costs of

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provincial infrastructure, health, housing, and social services. This could include three years of operating funding for the Hurontario LRT. Finally, I will waive the Land Transfer Tax for non-profit home builders in Mississauga and help them secure upfront capital to build deeply affordable housing—tackling affordability and the housing crisis head-on.

- **Investing in Public Transportation:** I have long advocated for implementing all-day, two-way GO service on the Milton GO Rail Corridor. Both of these projects will be [key transit priorities](#) of an Ontario Liberal government under my leadership. I am also committed to accelerating the planning process for the eastern and western expansion of the Dundas BRT. We all also recognize the role public transit, especially zero-emissions public transit options, can play in lowering air pollution and congestion. I will continue to partner with you and the Mississauga Council members to invest in a new transit garage to expand and decarbonize Mississauga's transit fleet.
- **Put Our Environment First and Protect You From Climate Emergencies:** [Two 100-year storms hit Mississauga last summer](#), devastating many neighbourhoods, causing severe flooding, and damaging residents' properties, homes, and businesses. I will build resilient infrastructure that can withstand natural disasters that are getting far too common these days across the world due to climate change. As Premier, I will increase transparency and funding for [Ontario's Disaster Recovery Assistance](#) program and speed up the claims process. I will also collaborate with the federal government to urgently complete its much-delayed [national flood insurance program](#) so homeowners in Mississauga and around the province are not at risk of costly increases in home insurance or loss of coverage.

## **Make Mississauga Affordable Again**

- **Cutting Taxes & Making Life More Affordable:** I am committed to making life more affordable for residents of Mississauga and across the province. I will deliver a permanent cut to income tax and remove HST off of residential hydro and heating bills to [save an average family \\$1,150 per year](#). Under Doug Ford, small businesses are struggling with the highest small business tax rate in the country. I will slash the small business tax rate by half and save small businesses up to [\\$18,000 per year permanently](#).
- **Negotiate a New Deal for Municipalities:** As mentioned above, we must also establish a fair deal for funding Mississauga so residents are not shouldering the burden of provincial responsibility. This also includes providing Peel with equitable per capita funding as committed to through the [Metamorphosis Network Survey](#). I am also interested in revisiting the 5% cap on GTAA PILT payments. I am proud of my record of helping the GTAA avoid losing about \$530 million in revenues during the pandemic, and as the Premier of Ontario, I will be committed to delivering more for the workers at the Pearson International Airport, the second largest employment zone in the country.
- **Create a New Deal for Young People:** I will [eliminate interest on OSAP loans](#) and raise the income threshold for repayment to \$50,000. I will cut youth unemployment rate by half and create 40,000 paid co-op, internship, and apprenticeship opportunities by offering employers with tax credits.

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- **Support Seniors to Live Independently and Age at Home:** Being the daughter of a senior, I recognize how challenging it can be for seniors right now in this province to receive the level of care they need and deserve in the comfort of their home, with dignity. An Ontario Liberal government will guarantee needs-based home care for seniors, and help seniors age at home gracefully by creating a Seniors' Home Care Tax Credit, saving up to 25% of up to \$10,000 in medical expenses a year.
- **Supporting Those Most Vulnerable:** I recognize that you and local municipal leaders, as the closest level of government, see firsthand that people are struggling to put food on the table. Last year alone, as many as a million Ontarians visited food banks. To begin addressing this, I will double ODSP and index it to inflation to combat food insecurity and ensure our most vulnerable have the support they need, rather than being forced onto the streets. I will also establish the Rental Emergency Support for Tenants (REST) Fund—a provincial rent bank providing short-term, interest-free loans to vulnerable tenants facing financial emergencies, preventing evictions and homelessness. Finally, I will work with you and Mississauga Council to build more supportive housing and deliver wrap-around services—especially for those struggling with mental health and addiction—with care and compassion.
- **Ending Hallway Healthcare in Mississauga:** Ontario's Liberals are committed to fixing our healthcare system, reducing wait times, and ensuring everyone, regardless of where they live, has access to quality care. This includes capital support for the historic, multi-billion dollar project to fully replace the existing Trillium Health's Mississauga Hospital, and strengthening family health teams and community healthcare services for the growing and diverse communities in Mississauga.

These are just some of the many policies and actions highlighted in our platform, [Getting The Basics Right: A Plan To Do More for You](#), that will help families in Mississauga enjoy substantial savings during a cost-of-living crisis. These actions will stimulate our economy, create more jobs, and enhance the purchasing capacity of the people of this province. Most importantly, there are no new taxes - only tax cuts in our Ontario Liberal plan.

As your former Mayor, I recognize that “Queen’s Park knows the best approach” never succeeds. You will find an ally in me in the Premier’s Office who will listen and partner with you on key priorities. I will stop downloading provincial responsibilities to municipalities, unlike Mike Harris and Doug Ford. Instead, I will ensure that Mississauga and Peel Region receive equitable per capita funding for infrastructure, essential services, and social programs.

After 7 years of neglect under Doug Ford, Ontario needs leadership that’s focused on delivering the basics. I am asking for your support on February 27th.

Sincerely,



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