

Reducing Homelessness in Pickering

Dignity, prevention and a path to stable housing

Everyone deserves a safe place to call home and to be treated with dignity. My position is grounded in listening to people experiencing homelessness, preventing housing loss and building partnerships that connect people with housing and the supports they need to remain housed.

A commitment rooted in care

Over the years, I have purchased and shared meals, taken time to talk with people, asked what they need and helped where I could. I have visited the DARS transitional farmhouse on several occasions and appreciate the care and commitment behind this work. These small acts of care have always been part of my life. I share them humbly because those relationships and conversations inform my understanding, while reminding me that there is always more to learn.

My career has also focused on reducing poverty-related barriers and bringing community partners together to support children, youth and families. If elected, I would bring that experience and willingness to listen to the Council table.

What I would work to advance

Prevent homelessness. Work with partners to improve access to rent assistance, eviction prevention and early support for residents at risk of losing their housing.

Support pathways to stable homes. Advocate for affordable, transitional and supportive housing, alongside ongoing services tailored to each person's needs.

Strengthen wraparound supports. Work to improve connections to outreach, health care, mental health services, addiction treatment, food and practical assistance. A safe home and reliable support must go hand in hand.

Listen and work alongside community. Seek an opportunity to serve on the City's Homelessness Subcommittee or join the GAP Committee. Work with frontline organizations and people with lived experience to identify gaps and shape practical solutions.

Mobilize Regional support and advocate for provincial funding. Work with our Mayor and Regional Councillors to bring Durham Region's housing, outreach and support services together around Pickering's needs. Advocate to the Province for sustained funding for prevention, housing and essential support services.

Accountability and sustained action

I would push for clear priorities, measurable outcomes and public updates, including progress on preventing housing loss, helping people move into stable housing and connecting them with ongoing support. Community organizations and volunteers need reliable resources and coordinated partnerships to sustain their work.

People experiencing homelessness are members of our community. They deserve compassion, respect and sustained action.