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Dear Neighbour,

Thank you for taking a few moments to read my letter.

For nearly 30 years, Pickering has been more than the place my family and I call home, it has been the community where my husband, Kwesi, and I raised our family, built lifelong friendships, and discovered what it truly means to belong. It is a city that has given us so much, and today I am asking for the opportunity to give something back by serving as your Ward 2 City Councillor.



When people ask why I'm running, I don't begin by talking about roads, budgets, or buildings. I begin by talking about **people**.

I think about some of my favourite childhood memories...riding my bike until the streetlights came on, swimming until my fingers wrinkled, playing tag in neighbourhood parks, and joining friends for endless games of soccer and softball. Those experiences taught me the value of community, friendship, and the simple joy of growing up in a place where you felt safe, supported, and free to explore.

Years later, Kwesi and I were fortunate to raise our two sons here in Pickering. Like so many families, our lives revolved around this incredible community. Our boys attended child care, elementary and secondary school, played on soccer pitches, baseball diamonds, football fields, basketball courts, hockey rinks, playgrounds, and in parks throughout our city. We spent countless afternoons at Pickering's recreation facilities and many summer days at what our family has always affectionately called "the Pickering Beach."

Those weren't simply places where sports were played or afternoons were spent. They were places where confidence was built, friendships were formed, challenges were overcome, life lessons were learned, and memories were created that continue to shape our family today.

Those experiences shaped me not only as a parent, but also as a leader. They remind me why protecting everything that makes Pickering special matters so much.

I want today's children, and the generations that follow, to have those same opportunities.

I want seniors to feel safe in their neighbourhoods. I want families to enjoy vibrant parks, trails, recreation spaces, and gathering places. I want local businesses to flourish, our neighbourhoods to remain welcoming, and our city to grow thoughtfully while protecting the qualities that make Pickering such a remarkable place to call home.

To me, building a stronger Pickering means ensuring it remains a place where people can **live, learn, work, play, thrive, and belong**.

For more than three decades, my professional life has been dedicated to strengthening communities. I've had the privilege of leading complex public and charitable organizations, managing multi-million-dollar budgets, building partnerships across education, government, business, and the non-profit sector, and helping secure millions of dollars that have created opportunities for children, youth, families, and communities.

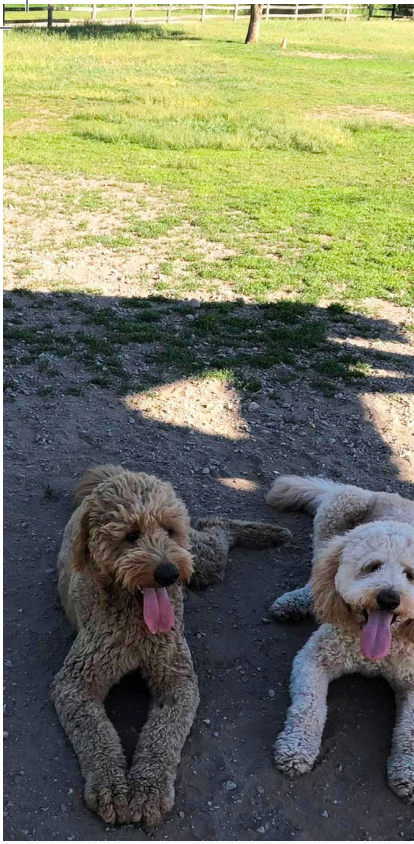
Throughout my career, I've learned that leadership isn't about having all the answers. It's about bringing people together, listening carefully, making thoughtful decisions, and always putting people first.

Those are the values and the experience I will bring to City Hall.

Many people have encouraged me over the years to consider public office. While I was raising my family and building my career, the timing never felt quite right.

Today, with our sons grown and after a lifetime of community leadership and public service, I know it is.





I also believe that the best conversations don't always happen at the front door.

Our homes are personal spaces. Behind every front door is a different story. Different families. Different traditions. Different priorities. Different joys. Different challenges.

You may be caring for an aging parent, comforting a new baby, helping your child with homework, participating in a work video call, connecting with loved ones across the world, spending quiet time in prayer, sharing a family meal, enjoying a good book, watching your favourite show, or simply taking a well-deserved moment for yourself.

I respect the many different ways we live our lives and the diversity that makes Pickering such an extraordinary community. That's why you won't find me knocking on your door unless you've invited me to.

Instead, you'll find me where community happens.

I'll be walking throughout our neighbourhoods, supporting local businesses, attending community events, enjoying our parks and waterfront, cheering on local sports, volunteering, and spending time in the public spaces that bring us together. Whether I'm with my family, meeting friends for coffee, or walking my two goldenoodles, Bob and Marlee, I hope you'll feel comfortable stopping to say hello.

And if meeting in person isn't convenient, I'd love to connect however you're most comfortable, by email, phone, online, or over a cup of coffee.

I'd truly appreciate the opportunity to hear *your* perspective.

Tell me what you love most about Pickering. Tell me what keeps you hopeful. Tell me what concerns you. Tell me where you think we can do better. Tell me what you hope our city will look like five, ten, or twenty years from now.

I believe the best ideas don't begin at City Hall. They begin with the people who call Pickering home.

That's why my official campaign platform will be released in September.

Before making commitments, I want to spend this summer listening, learning, and engaging with residents across Ward 2. I want to better understand the opportunities and challenges that matter most to you and ensure my experience, leadership, and competencies are focused on strengthening the priorities our community wants to see advanced at City Hall over the next four years.

I don't believe meaningful leadership begins with predetermined answers. It begins with asking thoughtful questions, listening with an open mind, and being willing to learn from the people you hope to serve. That's the approach I've taken throughout my career, and it's the approach I'll bring to this campaign.

If I have the honour of serving as your City Councillor, I promise to be visible, approachable, prepared, and accountable. I will listen before I lead, advocate with integrity, and make thoughtful decisions that are guided by what is in the best interests of our community...today and for future generations.

My goal is simple: to help ensure Pickering remains a place where every person feels safe, every child has the opportunity to grow and succeed, every family can create lasting memories, every business has the opportunity to flourish, and every generation can live, learn, work, play, thrive, and belong.

Nearly thirty years ago, Pickering welcomed my family with open arms. It became the place where our children grew up, where friendships were built, and where countless memories were made.

Now, I hope to give something back.

If you see me out in our neighbourhoods, at a community event, enjoying our waterfront, or walking Bob and Marlee, please stop and introduce yourself. I'd love to hear your story, because I believe the future of Pickering should be written by the people who call it home.

It would be an honour to earn your trust, your support, and your vote.

Thank you,

Stacey Lepine-Fisher

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