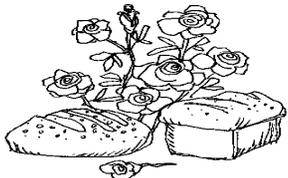


***Sick of living without enough income?  
Tired of being in need of affordable housing?***

**In this federal election, Poverty and Housing Matter!**

**Vote for the candidate in the Party that speaks to your concerns!**

<h1>Ottawa Vanier Riding</h1>	<p><b>Conservative Party</b>  <a href="http://www.conservative.ca">www.conservative.ca</a>                  Leader: Stephen Harper  <b>Candidate:</b> David Piccini</p> 	<p><b>Green Party</b>  <a href="http://www.greenparty.ca">www.greenparty.ca</a>                  Leader: Elizabeth May  <b>Candidate:</b> Nira Dookeran</p> 	<p><b>Liberal Party</b>  <a href="http://www.liberal.ca">www.liberal.ca</a>                  Leader: Justin Trudeau  <b>Candidate:</b> Mauril Bélanger</p> 	<p><b>New Democratic Party (NDP)</b>  <a href="http://www.ndp.ca">www.ndp.ca</a>                  Leader: Tom Mulcair  <b>Candidate:</b> Emilie Taman</p> 
<p><b>Where do Parties stand on Affordable Housing?</b></p> 	<p><b>*Increase the allowable tax free withdrawals</b> from RRSP accounts by \$10,000 (Home Buyers' Plan)  <b>*Take concrete action in coordination with provinces</b> to curb foreign speculation in Canada's residential real estate market</p>	<p><b>*Create a National Housing Strategy</b> that would provide permanent housing and supports.   <b>*Make private developers include a percentage of affordable housing</b> in their housing projects.</p>	<p><b>*Help build more housing units</b>, refurbish existing ones, renew existing co-operative agreements, and provide operational funding support for municipalities.   <b>*Renew federal leadership</b> in affordable housing.</p>	<p><b>*Prioritize affordable housing</b> and homelessness across Canada.   <b>*Commit to federal government being a "long term stable partner</b> in building affordable housing".</p>
<p><b>Where do Parties stand on Poverty Reduction?</b></p> 	<p><b>*In 2007, Conservatives introduced Workers Income Tax Benefit:</b> federal refundable tax credit that boosts the earned incomes of eligible low-income working individuals and families.</p>	<p><b>*Establish a Guaranteed Livable Income</b>, to ensure no Canadian falls below an income level needed to live with dignity.</p>	<p><b>*Create new National Child Benefit</b> that would combine family tax and transfers, with higher annual allowances for low-income families.</p>	<p><b>*Introduce National Poverty Elimination Act</b>, a federal plan to eliminate poverty with affordable housing, affordable childcare, and reforming <i>Employment Insurance</i>.   <b>- Boost Guaranteed Income Supplement</b> by \$400 million.</p>

## Why should I vote?

*“We are trying to survive, and politicians do not care about our concerns!”*

- **People living with poverty sometimes do not vote because we are too busy trying to survive.**
- **We also feel let down by politicians and feel apathy – we believe that there is no point in voting.**
- **However, politicians will care about our concerns *if* they know we vote, as they want to get into office.**
- **So, the more that people living in poverty vote, the more politicians will pay attention to our needs, and address issues like reducing poverty and increasing affordable housing.**



Politicians pay attention to voters' concerns, so people living in poverty need to vote to get policies in place to reduce poverty!  
Voting can mean REAL change!