#### 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!

# Ottawa Centre Riding

### Conservative Party www.conservative.ca

Leader: Stephen Harper Candidate:

**Damian Konstantinakos** 



#### Green Party www.greenparty.ca

Leader: Elizabeth May Candidate:

Tom Milroy



## Liberal Party www.liberal.ca

Leader: Justin Trudeau

Candidate:

Catherine McKenna



### New Democratic Party (NDP)

www.ndp.ca
Leader: Tom Mulcair
Candidate: Paul Dewar



#### Where do Parties stand on Affordable Housing?



- \*Increase the allowable tax free withdrawals from RRSP accounts by \$10,000 (Home Buyers' Plan) \*Take concrete action in
- coordination with provinces to curb foreign speculation in Canada's residential real estate market
- \*Create a National Housing Strategy that would provide permanent housing and supports.
- \*Make private developers include a percentage of affordable housing in their housing projects.
- \*Renew federal leadership in affordable housing.
- \*Help build more housing units, refurbish existing ones, renew existing cooperative agreements, and provide operational funding support for municipalities.
- \*Prioritize affordable housing and homelessness across Canada.
- \*Commit to federal government being a "long term stable partner in building affordable housing".

# Where do Parties stand on Poverty Reduction?



\*In 2007, Conservatives introduced Workers Income Tax Benefit: federal refundable tax credit

that boosts the earned incomes of eligible low-income working individuals and families.

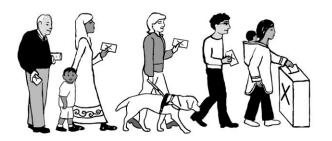
- \*Establish a *Guaranteed Livable Income*, to ensure no Canadian falls below an income level needed to live with dignity.
- \*Create new National Child Benefit that would combine family tax and transfers, with higher annual allowances for lowincome families.

\*Introduce National
Poverty Elimination Act, a
federal plan to eliminate
poverty with affordable
housing, affordable
childcare, and reforming
Employment Insurance.
\*Boost Guaranteed
Income Supplement by
\$400 million.

#### 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 <u>if</u> 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 <u>REAL</u> change!