

Homelessness and you in the 2010 Municipal Election *Who cares about housing?*

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Total Respondents – 49*

of 129 candidates – 38% response rate

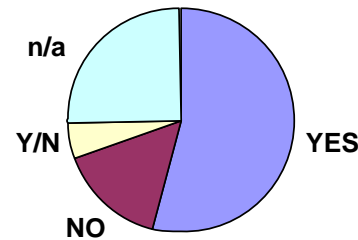
* To extend the opportunity to inform voters, this report has been updated to include & indicate 3 replies provided after the Oct 15th ATEH press conference.

Mayoral – 8 (No incumbent response)

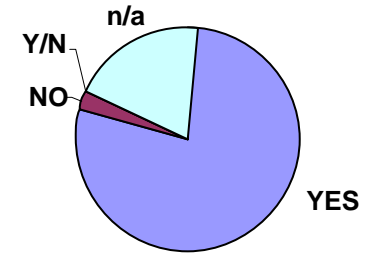
Councillor – 41 responses (9 incumbents responded out of 19 running again) from all Wards except 11, 18, 19, 20, 22

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **n/a** = policy statements given in comments instead of ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer
- **Y/N** = Yes and No

Increase affordable housing by 1,000 units each year and invest more municipal resources



Actively abide by Ontario’s Human Rights Policy on Rental Housing and NIMBYism



Candidates’ Answers (n/a = policy statements given in comments instead of ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer, Y/N = Yes and No)

ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN OTTAWA	Total	8 Mayoral housing responses				41 Councillor Candidates respond				% of 39 saying Yes
		YES	NO	N/Y	n/a	YES	NO	N/Y	n/a	
1. Will you act to increase affordable housing by 1,000 units each year and invest more municipal resources?	25	2	3		3	22	6	2	11	54% Yes
2A. Will you reinvest the nearly \$80 million dollars being removed from the property tax base by 2018 in new affordable housing and other social services as financial responsibility for social services infrastructure is uploaded back to the province?	28	2	1	1	4	25	7		9	61% Yes
2B. Will you support the “Housing Answer”, and starting in 2011 commit at least 15 million of the upload dollars each year for appropriate affordable housing, supportive housing and combating homelessness?	27	3	1	1	3	23	5	1	12	56% Yes
3. Will you make a municipal commitment to reduce the number of individuals in emergency shelters each year?	40	4	1		3	35	1		5	85% Yes
4. Will you actively abide by Ontario’s Human Rights Policy on Rental Housing and NIMBYism?	37	4			4	32	1		8	78% Yes
5. Will you act to ensure the City’s Poverty Reduction Strategy is successfully implemented with appropriate funding?	36	4			4	31	2	1	6	76% Yes

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QUESTIONS FROM THE ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN OTTAWA

Answers listed from each ward, starting with the incumbent, then those who responded in alphabetical order.

We also indicate those who chose not to respond.

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	1	2A	2B	3	4	5	Comments
Mayoral							
NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Larry O'Brien							
No answers from new mayoral candidates: Idris Ben-Tahir, Robert G. Gauthier, Robert Larter, Robin Lawrance, Vincent Libweshya, Fraser Liscumb, Daniel Joseph Lyrette, Julio Pita, Sean Ryan, Michael St. Arnaud, Samuel Wright							
Cesar Bello	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Clive Doucet <i>(Provided Oct. 18th)</i>	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1: Ottawa completes, on average, 6000 new housing units annually. Of these, between 1 ½% and 2 ½%, on average, are 'affordable' units. To say that we can go from here to 1000 would not be something I could achieve. I will commit to ensuring we work to meet the targets we have already set for ourselves. For example, <i>Action Ottawa</i>, a municipal incentive program to encourage developers to build affordable rental housing implemented in 2004, has met barely ¼ of its projected targets. Moreover, Ottawa's <i>Official Plan</i> targets 25% of new housing starts for families with incomes below \$60K; that target too has never been even close to being met. For every 12 housing units that are built or converted, we should require that one unit be designated as affordable (rent-to-income or that the developer pay to the City an amount equal to the construction cost of one unit that the municipality will use for the construction and/or maintenance of affordable housing stock. This would give us 500 additional units, annually.</p> <p>At the very least, the City should respect its affordable housing development strategies and targets and municipal politicians need to be held accountable for implementing those strategies and meeting those targets.</p> <p>Finally, Ottawa should have a land trust strategy like the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP). SHIP is a revolving equity fund, capitalized by corporations, foundations and government which makes loans to develop affordable housing via secondary mortgages (thereby spreading the risk and providing incentives). For more information, see the FCM's publication: <i>Quality of Life in Canadian Communities: Trends & Issues in Affordable Housing & Homelessness</i>, Theme Report #4.</p> <p>Improving housing affordability requires the cooperation of all 3 levels of government. Households in 'housing need' have incomes that are too low and shelter costs that are too high. A truly effective housing strategy must address both; however, income policy primarily falls under provincial and federal jurisdiction. We need better tri-lateral (federal, provincial, municipal) power-sharing arrangements so that municipalities like Ottawa can ensure better affordable housing results.</p> <p>I will work with the other levels of government—including sister municipalities—to bring about a better deal for cities, one that gives Ottawa proper access to the resources and powers they need to carry out their responsibilities.</p> <p>2A: It must, however, be clear that the province cannot consider this a provincial subsidy to affordable housing and reduce its contributions accordingly. A review of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing news releases for 2009 shows that federal and provincial governments, in</p>

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Joseph Furtenbacher	Y	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1: Your targets strike me as being rather timorous, if I may say so. But then, I've spent most of the last six months defending my position against the united opinion of the U. S. of A (apart from my 'small coalition of friends' and their friends, etc.), with no small degree of success (see your daily media source; unfortunately, the extraordinary evidence supporting this claim, at a full 30,000 words, is simply too long for people to fit into their admittedly busy schedules. I'm working on turning it into a book; it's my hope that when people fin/ally have to pay for it (and in addition, have a plausible excuse for reading it in front of their families, friends and coworkers), they will also perhaps start paying attention to it. Oh well; that's for another month.)</p> <p>2A: Not directly, though I admit that my recommended amount (as much as could be absorbed in the local economy without causing wage inflation) would be substantially higher. I believe in having a compassionate, intelligent ration/ale for any investments I make, and this sounds, quite frankly, like something scribbled hastily on a napkin during a conference, then quickly adopted by a group of like-minded 'thinkers'. The road to hell is paved with simplistic slogans like 'Housing Is A Right, Not A Responsibility!'</p> <p>2B: Here again, I was considering investing the lion's share of the money I save once I abate the tunnel-borer men/ace currently afflicting the city, into affordable (which to me connotes visions of my own 180 square foot palace, only more in the country, away from all the dealers and ex-whatevers, and closer to serenity).</p> <p>3: I'm going to try to whitemail some of our local hoteliers into adopting my idea of putting people in unneeded hotel rooms in return for even make-work duties.</p>

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Andrew Haydon	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>Before I respond to your individual questions you should be aware that LRT streetcars carries a huge debt load that will bankrupt the City. Both O'Brien and Watson have acknowledged there is no new program money available as all their money is going to LRT for the next 10 years. Bus rapid transit only requires the tunnel and the cost is covered by the Provincial and Federal government grants. Former Mayor Lorry Greenberg and I started Para Transpo so you can be assured of my support subject, of course, to financial availability. I will never make promises to anyone until I get all the facts. Who knows what financial state this City is in.</p> <p>There is a constant demand for funds for not only new social housing, maintenance of the existing units and for the homeless as well. Not an easy task but extremely important. Obviously the issue of physically accessible housing and housing in general is a priority.</p> <p>I am quite sure that all candidates will make all kinds of promises to increase affordable housing units each year which they have no intention of keeping. I don't pretend to be an expert on housing except to say that I always favoured integrated housing versus clustered social housing. (Savings using) Bus rapid transit: - Imagine what we could do for social housing with these funds.</p> <p>Mr. Watson has already declared that there are no funds for any new programs by virtue of the financial demands to fund LRT. With Watson and O'Brien who both support LRT (streetcars with ugly overhead wires), there will be no new money for the reduction of poverty.</p>
Mike Maguire	N	N	N	Y	n/a	n/a	<p>1: We can't afford to maintain what we have now, how could we possibly build more?</p> <p>2A: The money is still coming from the same taxpayers! All you're asking for is more spending and more taxes.</p> <p>3: yes of course this is a worthy goal</p> <p>4: I'm not sure this is a question - if it is it's too vague to answer.</p> <p>5: Parts of the strategy have merit but we have to recognize that there is no more tax money available.</p>
Jane Scharf	N	n/a	Y/N	N	Y	Y	<p>1: I do not think affordable housing units are the best way to address affordable housing needs. I prefer direct portable subsidies and mortgage assistance. Public housing proved to be a stigmatizing intrusive way of helping people cope with high rent. I do not advocate closing down any of the existing subsidy projects but I want to see people be able to use the subsidy where ever they want to live. And I am dramatically opposed to the sweetheart private public partnerships subsidy boondoggles</p> <p>2B: I want to see housing money go into direct subsidies to the people so they can live where they want and move if they want to. And I want to see the number of supportive housing increased as well as more money spent on case management so that homeless person can help in coordinating necessary services. We are making headway with youth and women but men ages 25 and over are not getting sufficient case management to help them establish and maintain housing. We also need more treatment centers that provide mental health services congruently.</p> <p>3: There is still a place for emergency housing in the scheme of things. And we do not know precisely what success we are going to have with case management and supportive housing in advance. Then number of beds will decrease as the need decreases.</p> <p>4: I give this a high priority for the city of Ottawa. It is very important to the integrity of the community for there to be equity in the assignment of housing subsidies and to avoid all forms of</p>

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							systemic discrimination 5: I want to move from studies to action with living wage at the top of the agenda. Adequate income can completely eliminate the need for housing subsidies.
Charlie Taylor	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Combating homelessness and reducing poverty are great priorities for me as they are for you. I care deeply about coming up with the best course of action, and the best solutions to these problems. However, I don't think the yes/no format of your questionnaire is conducive to building a constructive dialogue about these issues. These are often nuanced questions which require explanation, and the format also precludes any innovative suggestions I might have to contribute. The City has an abominable track record on maintaining their social housing units at a livable level-- I've heard stories of black mold, bed bug infestations, etc. We need to address these shortcomings before we commit to simply building more units. Also, the design of social housing development often creates poverty zones which lead to crime and creates a cycle of poverty which people find hard to break out of. I believe the city should invest heavily in community initiatives like the CCOC program which has proved very effective, which concentrates on providing housing for mixed levels of income whereby higher earners subsidize lower income earners. This system avoids creating poverty zones, and also gives residents some control over their own lives. Other solutions to reducing poverty like tax relief, cutting transit rates, and the living wage campaign, all of which I support, should also be included in this discussion. I'm sorry if this doesn't answer your questions. If you'd like to meet to discuss your specific initiatives, I'd be happy to do so. Charlie
Jim Watson	na	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Jim Watson's housing package has three elements (News Release, October 3, 2010) <i>First</i> , Watson would dedicate \$5 million from the \$23 million Ottawa will enjoy starting next year as a result of the provincial government uploading a range of social service costs that Ottawa now pays for with property taxes. This \$5 million in savings would fund an expanded rent supplement program. This type of targeted funding is the most efficient way of making quick progress on waiting lists and emergency shelter pressure. <i>Second</i> , Watson would create an Opportunities Fund with an annual \$5 million budget to be invested based on discussions with the housing sector prior to the passage of the 2011 budget. This Opportunities Fund would be used for a variety of needs from new construction and renovations to supportive housing. <i>Third</i> , Watson would dedicate an additional \$4 million of base capital funding, a carve out of 1% of our annual capital program, to boost efforts to fix and add to the low-income housing available in Ottawa.
Councillors							
Ward 1, Orléans							
No answers from new candidates: Renee Greenberg, Fred Sherwin							
Bob Monette <i>INCUMBENT</i>	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	1: I very much understand the need to increase the number of units of affordable housing, however I am un/able to commit to an exact number. The budget is a complicated process that needs to be looked at in both parts and as a whole. I will endeavor to allocate as much as possible to this worthwhile initiative, but I will not commit to a number I cannot verify at this time. 2A: The tax is being uploaded to the province and the savings should then be passed onto the taxpayer. Anything else would be double taxing for the same thing. 2B: I cannot guarantee an amount until the entire budget is analyzed and prioritized.

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Jennifer Robitaille	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	n/a	<p>1. All of my research leads me to believe that affordable housing is a critical issue in Ottawa. I agree that more units are required but the actual number of new units is dependent on funding coupled with upgrading/repairing existing units.</p> <p>2a. During budget deliberations, Council would review how best to apply the annual upload. I feel strongly that some of the funds must feed back into creating more units as well as help to fund upgrades and repairs for existing units</p> <p>2b. The exact amount committed is dependent on the current financial state of the City. Until I have an opportunity to review departmental budgets, I cannot commit to an exact amount. My priorities, in order, are core essential services, infrastructure and assisting the vulnerable in our community.</p> <p>3. With the increase in new and/or repaired affordable housing units, the requirement for shelter space will naturally lessen. To achieve further reductions requires providing a "hand up" versus a "hand out" to the homeless. Couple this with programs to change lifestyles and other incentives, which should give some of the homeless an opportunity to see success.</p> <p>4. Absolutely!</p> <p>5. It depends on what your and my definition of appropriate funding is</p>
Ward 2- Innes							
<p>NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Rainer Bloess No answers from new candidates Christopher Fraser and Keith Jansa</p>							
Roger Furmanczyk	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>Questions 1 to 5: It seems that I am the only Ottawa Councillor Candidate that has spoken on this so far and this in on his platform.</p>
Ward 3 – Barrhaven							
<p>NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Jan Harder No answers from new candidate Joseph King</p>							
Rustin Hollywood	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. This must be done in cooperation with the development community and participating NGOs that are committed to improving the plight of homeless families and individuals in our city.</p> <p>2a. This is a long term obligation. I believe that this is a high priority for our city but we must also recognize that there will be competing priorities and I will do my best to see that a focus is put on addressing required affordable housing.</p> <p>2b. 15 million may be an achievable goal, but not all of it will come from the municipality. I will lend my support to raising addition/al funds from alternative sources even if the full 15 million is allocated in the city budget.</p> <p>3. I would also like to increase the number of available shelter beds so that the short term issue of over capacity is addressed</p>

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Ward 4 – Kanata North							
No answers from new candidates Hertz Golmann and Hal Watson							
Marianne Wilkinson <i>INCUMBENT</i>	Y	N	n/a	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. Depending on funds available, particularly from other levels of government as the City doesn't have resources to do this alone</p> <p>2a. The download was paid for by general property taxes so this should go to ensure that we don't have massive tax increases. Some of these should go back into affordable housing and social programs as they are part of the general costs of the City but we don't have the ability to put all of it there. What we spend on housing should stay on housing however.</p> <p>2b. Some funds will be committed but I can't say how much until I see the way the budget is coming together.</p> <p>3. I believe that new housing should be supportive housing as that will provide help to the most vulnerable</p> <p>4: Housing does have to meet the City's zoning however – which can be changed but that needs to follow the Planning Act requirements.</p> <p>5: Funding levels will depend upon budget availability so I can't pre-commit to an actual amount</p>
Jeff Seeton	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	<p>1. I believe we need more units but cannot commit at this time to 1000 more each year. As resources are made available I am in favor of more being allocated to affordable housing.</p> <p>2a. I would be in favor of allocating a portion of these funds.</p> <p>2b. I would be in favor of allocating a portion of these funds.</p> <p>4: I believe communities need to be built with a mixture of all levels of housing. Smart sustain/able growth.</p>
Lili Weemen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. we need to put people in individual units that are self contained for some privacy</p> <p>2b. Over the years Ottawa, being a government town has seen the gap widening between the haves and have nots. In the past most people were middle class</p> <p>3. see my platform about public and private partnership, social housing as a concept as opposed to an address. Had the CEO of YSB been the mayor may be it would have been different. I work for Judy Perley at the YMCA so I know first hand what you are talking about. I live and breathe it every day.</p> <p>5. I believe in living wages as opposed to minimum wage because Ottawa is too expensive to live honestly on minimum wage.</p>
Ward 5 – West Carleton-March							
No answers from new candidates Alexander Aronec and James Parsons							
Eli El-Chantiry <i>INCUMBENT</i>	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. the availability of funds will determine the number of units that can be accommodated but it is agreed that addition/al affordable housing is required</p> <p>2a. a portion of the funds could certainly be reinvested in affordable housing but not the entire amount. It is important to remember that these funds being removed are being removed to ease the tax burden on those currently paying property taxes.</p> <p>2b. again, there are other priorities that must be addressed as well and if feasible, a portion of the funds could certainly be directed into the "Housing Answer"</p> <p>3. The first step must be to establish and address the foremost cause of homelessness and take measures to stop the influx allowing time and funds to address the needs of those already in the</p>

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							stream and assist them in getting off the streets. 5: but it will be at a rate that the City feels is appropriate
Ward 6 – Stittsville							
NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Shad Qadri							
Richard Eveleigh	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1.If I can free up \$30,000,000 from picking up garbage and recycling service from door to door and get the people to bring their packaging material to the grocery store etc. 2A.If I understand the question which is, 80,000,000 \$ will be left in municipal coffers from property tax instead of into provincial coffers or general revenue' 2B. Only on certain condition
Ward 7 – Bay							
No answers from new candidates George Guirguis, Peter Heyck, Shawn Little, Erik Olesen, and Mark Taylor							
Alex Cullen <i>INCUMBENT</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1. The City does have an affordable housing crisis and must act. In 2011 the City will receive some \$23 million in property tax room as the Province takes back (uploads) responsibilities that the City previously paid for. I believe at least half of this should be used to fund affordable supportive housing for our homeless. 2a.This is an important investment in not only reducing poverty but improving our community's quality of life. 2b. I would support spending \$15 million of the upload dollars on supportive housing if possible – certainly half of the expected \$23 million should be earmarked for this. 3. The best way to do this is to provide supportive housing to break the cycle of shelter to housing to eviction to shelter for many of the homeless. 4. For social housing I have a track record of fighting NIMBYism in my ward. 5. I am a strong supporter of this strategy
Oni Joseph	na	na	na	na	na	na	1. Affordable housing is my priority! OTTAWA, ON - Today, in response to overwhelming concern for affordable housing, Oni Joseph - "Oni, the Haitian Sensation" – a candidate for City Council in Bay Ward (Ward 7) released a four point strategy to repair and renew Ottawa's crumbling social housing stock, and to address chronic homelessness. "It's time to fix the cracks in our social housing system. We have too few spaces for those who need affordable housing, too many people living on the street, and an immediate repair deficit totaling in the hundreds of millions of dollars – and growing. We must act now," said Joseph, a former resident of social housing herself. 2a. The mortgages which govern many social housing properties across Ontario are about to end, some beginning this year. To maximize this opportunity, Oni will ask City staff to develop a strategy (complete by January 2012) which considers how providers can use this established equity to fund capital repairs, to increase subsidy to the working poor, and/or to fund new construction. "If elected, I will be a voice to restore pride in our social housing communities, to give hope to those who don't have a home, and to create a fairer community for all. Bay Ward can count on me, "Increase funding by a minimum of \$15 million a year to Ottawa's social housing sector to support needed repairs, stimulate new construction and expand the availability of supportive housing for the chronically homeless and mentally ill. This funding will be paid for through savings generated by the uploading of provincial social services, a 10 year process which started in 2008 and which is projected to save Ottawa approximately \$140 million over the period 2b. with Ottawa Community Housing (OCH) to apply the highly successful model of community

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Terry Kilrea	N	N	N	N	Y	N	<p>1. I cannot commit to this as the costs and funding source is unknown. Taxes are rising at record rates and we must evaluate how many organizations exist and reduce to provide more efficiency</p> <p>2a. I will not reinvest \$80 Million in to new housing until current stock is repaired and renovated for existing tenants. Building new will add more costs to a stock we cannot adequately handle now</p> <p>2b. I will support rent supplements to get a roof over the heads of most urgent cases. I do not support committing \$15 Million blindly until I see the value. I really feel it is time to audit the lists and investigate who, why and where people on waiting lists are from.</p> <p>3. Any commitment costs tax dollars. Taxpayers are at the end and cannot take any more. I want to find out who, what and why these lists are overflowing as throwing money at these problems do not necessarily solve problem.</p> <p>5. I will have to look at the strategy and decide if it is the way to go. I can give all the answers people want to hear but doing that ignores the who, what, why, where. I am committed to helping you but not at just throwing money because panels say this is the way to go. It obviously is not working and needs to be fixed. This city spending is out of control and lacks priorities. I have asked for a cost on French Language Services Budget and that would be the first department I would reduce and direct to homeless and poverty initiatives. I also think there are too many organizations and they must be streamlined.</p>
Ward 8 – College							
NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Rick Chiarelli							
No answers from new candidates John Campbell, Craig MacAulay, William McKinnon, and Julia Ringma.							
Ralph Anderson	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. 1000 units = okay, but invest more municipal resources = for something else?</p> <p>2a. makes sense to keep allocating this funding where it is.</p> <p>3. seems like the result of yes to question 1</p> <p>5. If it's in the plan, we should be doing it.</p>
Catherine Gardner	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An increase in our rent supplement program to assist another 250 families / individuals per year who are on the social housing wait list and who are at risk of losing their present housing. - A minimum of 250 new apartments or town homes per year to be designated as rent geared to income. Units to be staggered throughout the various development(s) and or city. - Provide yearly funding to convert 100 current retirement homes into rent geared to income units. Units to be staggered throughout the residences and city.

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25% of new retirement home units per year to be designated as rent geared to income. Units to be spread throughout the homes / city. - Provide 250 graduating students per year with up to 1 year rent supplement of up to \$250. per month / per household. This would be for students who are making the transition from local University / College residence to offsite housing. - Provide support services to residents in rent geared to income as their rental fees are gradually increased to market value housing. Senior's and persons with disabilities who are un/able to work would be excluded from the gradual increase. - All new apartments / retirement homes to follow the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Built Environment Standards. - Provide funding from the funds saved from the Health and Social Services upload to Community Housing and Not for Profit Housing to convert present units into partially accessible units by providing and installing a ramp, stair lift to the bedroom level and bars in the toilet and tub area on a "as required" basis for present tenants who are on the waiting list for accessible housing but who do not require fully accessible units. - Lobby the Provincial Government to include funding under the Provincial Assistive Devices Program for equipment needed to allow seniors and persons with disabilities to stay in their own homes. New funding to include hospital beds, raised toilet seats, bath seats / bath transfer benches, transfer poles, and mechanical personal lifts. - Lobby the Provincial government to create loan cupboards for medical equipment provided under the Assistive Devices Program. - Provide funding from the money saved from the Health and Social Services upload for new 24 hour supportive housing staff positions within new and existing mixed housing to ensure that persons with various disabilities and seniors can stay in their homes. - Use Hydro Ottawa dividends to supplement low income – moderate income persons including seniors and persons with disabilities who pay separately for their electricity and or heat. The City of Ottawa cannot afford to build new housing when they are un/able to maintain their present housing stock! <p>By providing funding to families / individuals we can provide more money to help those who are homeless and or those at risk of becoming homeless as we would not have to provide funding for the maintenance of any new units. The funding could move with the person if needed. Funding for the person / family instead of units would prevent the building of segregated housing and or stigmatization. Providing a limited rent supplement to graduating students who are transferring from local University / College residence for up to one year would provide proactive measures for preventing graduating students from becoming homeless. We would also be encouraging out of town students to stay within our city. Many of our seniors and persons with disabilities are ending up in long-term care facilities due to the lack of supportive, affordable and accessible housing options available to them. Many residents on the list for accessible housing may not require a fully accessible unit and may only require a ramp, stair-lift and/or bars in the toilet and tub area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing medical equipment to seniors and persons with disabilities would allow more people to stay in their own home and would allow us to keep hospital and long-term care beds for those who really need them. <p>Lobbying the provincial government for loan cupboards for medical equipment would allow for short term need without costly expenses to tax payers while at the same time reducing the amount of good quality equipment from going to the landfills.</p>
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Lynn Hamilton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1. Part of the strategy is to protect renters from demolition by property owners. We should look into denying demolition permits by mandating developers to provide similar housing to to-be-evicted tenants for a similar rental fee. We must also lobby the provincial government to allow municipalities the power to mandate all new developments to have a minimum percentage of the housing be deemed affordable (and be offered first to households on the social housing waitlist).
Ward 9 – Knoxdale-Merivale							
No incumbent running. No answers from new candidates James Dean, Keith Egli, Fred Ennis, Syed Asghar, Hussain, Mike Kennedy, Paul Obeda, James O'Grady, Jules Ruhinda, Al Speyers and Rod Vanier.							
Ward 10 – Gloucester-Southgate							
No answers from new candidates Lilly Obina, Leslie Saintilma and Wade Wallace.							
Diane Deans <i>INCUMBENT</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	With the condensed election period and the number of demands on Diane's time she does not have the time to devote to complete the survey. Diane has worked hard over the past four years in her role as Chairperson of the Community and Protective Services Committee to address homelessness and housing. A summary of the City's actions is included in the 2009 City of Ottawa Annual Report. The information taken from the report is as follows: "The City moved quickly to take advantage of the new funds made available through the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program that were aimed at new and renovated affordable housing. In 2009, the City received \$13M for three projects: 1) the Shepherd's of Good Hope received funding for 55 units of supportive housing for vulnerable adults and seniors; 2) Ottawa Community Housing Corporation received funding to acquire and renovate six units of affordable housing for families; and 3) Cornerstone received funding to build 42 new units for women with high needs including 20 senior women. In addition, the City received \$823,500 to support affordable home ownership. The City received \$46.9 M over a two-year period from the federal/provincial stimulus funding to repair and retrofit social housing. The funding will be used to improve the health and safety of social housing buildings, address needed structural repairs and improve energy efficiency."
Ward 11 – Beacon Hill-Cyrville							
NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Michel Bellemare No answers from new candidates O'Neil Brook and Tim Tierney							
Ward 12 – Rideau-Vanier							
							No answers from new candidates Marc Imbeault and Sriyan Pinnawala.
Georges Bédard <i>INCUMBENT</i>	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1. I will act to increase affordable housing by 1000 units a year with federal and provincial moneys. 2a. Depending on value for money 2b. If we receive federal and provincial moneys 3. with the addition of federal and provincial moneys 5.I am currently the Council representative on the Poverty Reduction Steering Committee
Mathieu Fleury	Y	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	2b. We need to come up with a comprehensive strategy for social development needs, I will support help, but will have to review the amount since many factors contribute to the total spending of projects 5. Adequate and affordable housing is a human rights issue – we all need a decent place to live.' (OHRC)

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Andrew Nellis	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y/N	<p>1. I need to qualify this a little bit, since part of my plan is to change the way we approach affordable housing. Rather than simply throwing money at what has become poorly-maintained social housing, a better approach is to become more creative in the way we both obtain and maintain such housing. I support a "use it or lose it" law in which building owners who abandon their property for 2 years or more have it taken away. Such property is then converted into low-cost housing. I also support the creation of housing co-ops as a way of unshackling people from landlords. The city should assist people of low income in organizing co-ops both as a means of giving people control over their own lives, and to reduce the need for the city to maintain a huge stock of social housing.</p> <p>2a. Again, I have to qualify my answer. The "upload dollars" were the result, ultimately, of the federal Liberals' "Cap on Cap" decision, which downloaded costs to the province by refusing to redistribute moneys which the province had traditionally received. The provinces acted by downloading costs to the municipalities. These "upload dollars" are not, therefore, "free money." Ottawa is restricted to property taxes, and when the responsibilities for items like social services were downloaded to the municipalities, they had no choice but to raise property taxes to pay for them. Property taxes are a *very* regressive form of taxation which hurts the poor and lower middle class most. I would much rather see this money used to reduce property taxes at the same time we fight to force higher levels of government to shoulder their fair share of the burden with the much less regressive forms of taxation available to them.</p> <p>3. Absolutely. The cost of keeping people homeless is ridiculously large. Just the per diem paid to the shelters to stack people like cordwood is more than we'd pay to keep people in motels. The most compelling solution to the problem is supportive housing with intensive client-directed case management. The CMHA has had tremendous success with such programs, in which people are housed within the matrix of the broader community while providing supports both to the individual and to those around them.</p> <p>4. Not only would I actively fight for such rights, but I would institute our own, much more aggressive and inclusive policy to provide bylaw enforcement with the tools necessary to go after notorious slumlords who have been exploiting the poor and margin/ally housed in Ottawa for decades.</p> <p>5. Once more, I need to qualify my answer. Certain parts of the strategy need to be implemented, but we need an eye to the larger picture as well. For example, the proposed "living wage" policy is a serious problem. We should be fighting not for slightly higher wages, but an end to the wage system altogether. The city should be encouraging the creation of worker co-ops, collectives, and unionized workplaces by instituting a policy of accepting tenders for city projects and supplies ONLY from those businesses which are either worker-run or solidly unionized.</p>
Ward 13 – Rideau-Rockcliffe							
No incumbent running. No answers from new candidates Richard Cannings, Peter Clark, Harley Collison, Maurice Lamirande, Pierre Maheu, James Parker and Bruce Poulin							
Corry Burke	Y	Y	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	<p>1. I believe the annual addition of 1000 affordable housing units to be a worthwhile target and would work diligently to make that a reality. I believe government needs to play a significant role in assisting the most vulnerable in our society, and can play a meaningful role in providing access to those instruments in our society that provide people with the means to improve their situation. Stable and safe residency being a cornerstone of such a process.</p> <p>2. I think it's only fair that those social services which have received municipal support prior to uploading continue to do so. Admittedly, the financial responsibility may be shifting to the</p>

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Harley James Collison	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. We must do an analysis to seek out abusers and give to those who need</p> <p>2a. I plan to find additional money than the 80 million</p> <p>3. With the necessary professional help</p> <p>5. Of course poverty has been a number 1 issue.</p>

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Rawlson King	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. (City of) Ottawa has a target of new 500 units currently and falls far short of that target. I would support 1,000 units and would work to invest municipal resources to make their creation a reality.</p> <p>2a. I am absolutely supportive of building a new, substantive amount of affordable housing and engaging in extensive renovation to existing social housing stock, but would first try to seek an alternative funding path to see more social housing built. Over the course of 10 years, the Province of Ontario has committed to uploading the cost of social services that the previous Conservative government downloaded onto municipalities. The time period is long but the benefits increase over time. This year Ottawa's Ontario Disability and Support Program (ODSP) contribution dropped by \$18 million. Next year, these savings will be doubled. The City's financial obligations for a number of social programs will continue to decline over the coming years and will add up to a substantial amount of money available once again to the municipal budget. I have recommended that as the province "uploads services" and takes over fiscal responsibility for the cost of the Ontario Drug Benefit Program and Ontario Works benefits, the city should use the difference in savings to bolster its depleted "rainy day" emergency funds, by at least \$20 million a year. I have made this recommendation so that funds are not redirected to other departments. Interest from the accruing funds can be used to support social housing projects. I also support greater fiscal prudence, and would call for a strategic review of all city expenditures to identify waste, program duplication and redundancy, and inefficient service delivery, along with a 10 per cent reduction in city staff only through natural attrition and a general hiring freeze for two years with an aim of yielding at least \$500 million. Through these savings, I would support a full program of immediate funding for the creation of new, affordable social housing and improving Ottawa's existing social housing stock. If, however, the next elected Council is not amendable to implementing saving measures to re-prioritize towards social spending, I would support redirecting all the uploaded funding to social services, rather than to other departments.</p> <p>2b. As explained above, I would commit to re-prioritizing the City's fiscal management in order to achieve cost savings which can then be re-invested into City services. If no consensus can be reached around the Council table on that issue, then only would I support all uploaded dollars going to affordable housing, supportive housing, and other solutions to address homelessness.</p> <p>3. I agree that no more than 2,000 families and individuals should have to use the shelter system each year. Let's accelerate this rate, so we hit this target before 2020.</p> <p>4: I believe that a mixture of social housing and low-income rental housing can co-exist with other properties in communities. I believe this strengthens communities and allows them to thrive.</p> <p>5: I would want to pursue a different, alternative funding arrangement, as discussed above to implement the Poverty Reduction Strategy, but if consensus around the Council table is not possible, I would support developing a policy framework to reinvest savings from the upload of social assistance benefits into social infrastructure and poverty reduction to ensure a balance of investment in the Triple Bottom Line as defined by the City's Poverty Reduction Strategy.</p>
Sheila Perry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. This is essential for long term, sustain/able planning</p> <p>2a. \$4.2 million dollars (or more) invested annually during the next 18 years is a very reason/able and essential commitment to be directed at Housing. All 3 levels of government must address the growing need to accommodate and to sustain adequate housing.</p> <p>2b. Yes, the commitment of \$13 to \$ 15 Million is identified as the amount to support the construction and growth of housing needs on an annual basis. I want to see 1,000 units constructed annually with a target of 10,000 to be achieved by 2010. Sadly, City Council records show that this has not been supported.</p> <p>3. A sustain/able plan is needed to make certain that individuals are supported.</p>

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Ward 14 – Somerset							
No answers from new candidate Don Fex.							
Diane Holmes <i>INCUMBENT</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Susan Miller	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	Y	<p>1. If we have that money available. As you know there will be a provincial election next year.</p> <p>2. If we have the money</p>
Barkley Pollock	N	Y	n/a	Y	N	N	<p>1. Not in Somerset ward. I'd like to see the rest of the city do more affordable housing. Targeted affordable housing increases in the ward I'm in favour of for the most needy. I see maintaining existing affordable housing as a priority.</p> <p>2a. That would be most appropriate as much of the downloaded services were social services in the first place.</p> <p>2b. I'm not going to commit at this time but want to do things a little differently to see if we can put people ahead of much of the bureaucracy and "poverty profiteering" as I call it.</p> <p>4. I'd question anything that comes from a province that doesn't support human rights and much of their legislation is in the details. I'll use my own judgment.</p> <p>5. I'd like to make improvements to the city's poverty strategy.</p>
Ward 15 – Kitchissippi							
Christine Leadman <i>INCUMBENT</i>	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. There have been many targets set but none achieved. I am committed to increasing the level of units of affordable housing every year as much as possible. Committing to a specific number of units does not guarantee success or denote a lack of willingness.</p> <p>2A. I certainly believe that there is a need to reinvest in our social services infrastructure. The cost of not investing is significant higher and we will be a better city as a result.</p> <p>3. I have been able to successfully integrate a new facility in my ward with little opposition.</p>
Katherine Hobbs <i>(Provided Oct. 17th)</i>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1: By 2011 The City will have more than \$40M. The City can afford to act by keeping the upload money and using it for what it is already budgeted for – social services. This could also leverage federal and provincial support along with private financing that would allow Ottawa to build up to 1000 new units of affordable housing and supportive housing every year. We can end homelessness, reduce poverty and improve the quality of life for thousands of people in Ottawa. We also need to make recreation programs available for all. I am also a member of Daybreak, and am very supportive of those initiatives.</p> <p>2A: Now is the time to act! \$15M is enough to make overdue repairs on at least 1,500 units, directly improving the quality of life for those households. One building I was in recently has consistently had elevator problems. One resident on oxygen was unable to leave her apartment and almost ran out of oxygen with the number of days it took to repair this chronic problem.</p> <p>2B: I would like to see more integrated solutions so those in need of rent subsidies can live in units alongside those who are not subsidized. I would like to see more low level buildings as well, rather than high rises.</p>
Daniel Stringer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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Ward 16 – River							
NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Maria McCrae							
Ian Boyd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. I would vote to place this in the budget</p> <p>2A. Certainly a large portion of it.</p> <p>2B. If not more</p> <p>3. Yes, but tough to do. Easy to agree to but tough to achieve.</p>
Michael Kostiuk	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Nadia Willard	Y	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. People of all social economic communities have spoken to me on the importance of a safe community rich with opportunity for all. I acknowledge that the city failed to meet its previous commitments, and will work with other councillors to take significant steps to eliminate the barriers imposed on families who live in homelessness and poverty by working for the 1000 unit goal.</p> <p>2a. I am committed to working to keep upload dollars within the community and protective services budget, except where other areas of investment work towards the goals of the poverty reduction strategy while improving quality of life for all City of Ottawa residents. I acknowledge not only the critical need for new housing, but also the maintenance needs of current housing projects. Through a holistic approach to addressing poverty, we maintain the goal of not only meeting current requirement but significant reduction to housing demand by the year 2018. Homelessness and poverty are complex problems. I not prepared to commit a dollar value at this time to a limited portion of the solution without looking at the costs required to reduce demand for these initiatives in the future.</p> <p>2b. I will work toward the goals outlined in the poverty reduction strategy which addresses significant need in regards to homelessness. I am prepared to invest significant upload dollars into critical housing initiatives and deliver necessary financial support to achieve housing commitments agreed upon. Of course, the entire amount cannot go solely toward homelessness initiatives but also into programs that prevent homelessness in the first place, such as literacy training and other education measures that are determinants of homelessness, and preventative health programs -- especially mental health. There are many areas where programs overlap municipal, provincial, federal and school board jurisdictions but, as far as city council has the power to act, I will do my part to prevent and combat homelessness.</p> <p>3. By building bridges between the City of Ottawa and community organizations, we have the capacity to reach struggling families and help them move into financial and social independence and security.</p> <p>4: We must work on such initiatives as Inclusionary Zoning that work to both reduce creation of large low income communities while placing families in safe clean environments. When addressing the new development projects, it is important that we have the discourse and dialogue with the residents to ensure that they are aware of all aspects of the development including the Ontario Human Rights Policy and do not deny them their right to have their voice heard in council as part of the process. It is important that we take all measures possible to work with the community when conflict arises.</p> <p>5: The City's Poverty Reduction Strategy is an important part of improving quality of life for all residents within the City of Ottawa. It is a critical step to creating the safe and opportunity rich environment for all. Addition/ally, long term planning shows that by investing in the health and well being of families in poverty now, we can reduce future dependence on municipal funds and help people move towards a focus of skills development rather than mere survival.</p>

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Ward 17 – Capital							
No incumbent running. No answers from new candidates Mano Hadavand and Ron Le Blanc							
Bob Brocklebank	N	Y	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. I note that your association's media release of March 29 of this year says that only 88 units of affordable housing were created in the entire year 2009. The same release notes that 10235 households are on the Social Housing waiting list. This indicates to me that there is an enormous need and that much more needs to be done but I cannot honestly say that I pledge to achieve a target of 1000 units per year if our current record is standing at 88. This would mean increasing our level of construction of affordable housing by eleven times. Unless there is something here I have missed, I believe that offering a promise to move to 1000 units per year would be an empty gesture. Nevertheless the information you have presented makes a strong case for addition/al investment of municipal resources.</p> <p>2A. I believe that there is a great need for addition/al support for social services and that housing is a prime aspect of that need. However, I have some difficulty in understanding the relationship of the various figures being quoted in this survey. If we are to spend \$15 million each year from 2011 to 2018 (question 2B), this will represent considerably more than \$80 million. Similarly, if we are to spend \$15 million per year to reach our 1000 unit per year objective, and assuming that this involves funding an addition/al 912 units per year (the increase beyond 88 to reach 1000), this would provide only about \$16,500 per unit, which is totally in/adequate.</p> <p>2B. I have no problem with the idea of committing 15 million of the upload dollars but note that this seems to apply to much more than creating affordable housing. See my calculation above that the 15 million would not go very far in creating new affordable housing. Add to the expenditure envelope the programs to combat homelessness in other ways and we have few new housing units created. An addition/al problem with your question is that it is not clear what is intended by the "Housing Answer" so I cannot respond positively to that aspect of your question. If the "housing answer" is the general assertion that housing is fundamental to resolving social problems related to poverty, I agree. If it means that providing adequate housing is probably less costly to government as a whole than the health and other costs created by failing to address housing, I also agree. However I do not know what the "housing answer" is.</p> <p>3. I believe we need to not only see fewer individuals enter the shelters, we need to get them out of the shelters quicker and installed in more stable and appropriate housing. This brings us back to the calculation of what can be done to provide more affordable housing.</p> <p>4. I think I have found the document you are citing - the "Policy on Human Rights and Rental Housing" issued July 21, 2009 by the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Within that 110 page document appears a section entitled "Discriminatory Neighbourhood Opposition or 'NIMBYism'". The policy deals with actions not based on legitimate urban planning objectives and which are aimed at specific persons. I fully support the Commission's policy as stated in the document's pages 50 through 53.</p> <p>5. Although I have not read every page of the 83 page document, I have reviewed the executive summary and the recommendations. I support the implementation of the 16 recommendations and priorities outlined in the report. I note some difference in the report's calculation of the funding released through uploading of ODSP and Ontario Works and the calculations in this survey. If I may single out one specific aspect which I think warrants your organization's consideration it would be the part of the report dealing with the Community Development Framework initiative. I am concerned that the three city initiatives of poverty reduction, community development framework and neighbourhood planning may at times operate at cross-purposes and may indeed</p>

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							be competing for the same resources within the city
David Chernushenko	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. I believe that we must allocate more resources to the construction of affordable housing, but until we have a clearer picture of the fiscal capacity of the City and the plans of the Provincial Government, I cannot say if 1000 units is an achievable target for the City of Ottawa, much as I wish it to be and recognize the need.</p> <p>2A. An important part of this uploading should be used for high priority social programs. I am particularly concerned with the way that older residents are being forced out of their homes by increasing tax burdens. We need to look at all the ways to use this new flexibility, before setting fin/al priorities.</p> <p>2B. I think that new spending of \$15 million on affordable housing targeted at the present homeless population is an appropriate target for Ottawa.</p> <p>3. Emergency shelters should be for emergencies and not a stop gap measure for a failed social housing policy.</p> <p>4: I will work in my ward and across the City to help integrate affordable housing into all communities.</p> <p>5: The City needs to be one of the contributors to Poverty Reduction. Our support for affordable housing is one of the key ways we can target this problem. But the City can only be effective if other levels of government and charitable organizations play their part. I will work with all parties to adapt and implement plans to reduce poverty in Ottawa.</p>
Eugene Haslam	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. I would suggest having a range of units around 1,000, such as 800- 1,000 to give more flexibility in case of emergencies or any budgetary changes that are deemed necessary by Council. I would also need to see a long-range plan for these investments before making a fin/al commitment.</p> <p>2A. A portion of any new monies the City receives should go towards new affordable housing and other social services. Again, there must be a clear plan with roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>2B. As soon as the province sends us the funding I will support such an initiative.</p> <p>3. I am also interested in hearing more about emergency shelter users. For example, in the mental health area, what are other mental health initiatives for which we can partner to address emergency shelters?</p> <p>4: I will abide by the Policy as it is fundamental to our society's fabric.</p> <p>5: I will ensure that the Poverty Reduction Strategy is implemented. Further clarification is needed for timelines and what are the priorities among the many.</p>
Isabel Metcalfe	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. I am committed to increasing the number of affordable housing units and to investing municipal resources in addressing the problems faced by people who are homeless or in difficult housing situations. I believe this is a priority for the city. I am not prepared to commit to a fixed number, either higher or lower than 1000, without having a complete understanding of the breadth and depth of the problem and other issues related to poverty in the city and what it will take to address them.</p> <p>2B. The creation of quality affordable housing must be a priority for the city. Housing is a critical part of the solution to the reduction of poverty and homelessness. I also believe the solutions to homelessness must be broader than housing. I am committed to working with organizations such as the Alliance to End Homelessness to ensure the city supports individuals and families affected by poverty or at risk of falling into poverty.</p>
Domenic Santaguida	Y/N	N	Y	Y	Y	n/a	<p>1. Resources are stretched thin as is and a significant aspect of my campaign is a budgetary review. I am aware that the city's track record for meeting unit numbers for affordable housing is</p>

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							<p>not good and that the housing is important, however it needs to be discerned whether there is room in the budget to meet those expectations. Perhaps after cuts and efficiency boosts are made in other services, funds can be shored up to better meet affordable housing goals.</p> <p>2b. if the funds are available and the program is viable and most importantly, if the province commits to further assistance here.</p> <p>5. Having looked over the plan, I would support the majority of the measures. However, it seems clear to me that that plan, as it is now, leans disproportionately on the city and its resources for poverty reduction. If we do not tend to problems with our public transportation, which is a major issue for me, and other infrastructural issues, we may be looking at more poverty as a result of the city's failure to provide adequate basic services which provide universal benefit. Hence, I support the plan on the condition that it is revised to draw more economic support from the provincial and even the federal level of government. Also, it seems the plan asks for the creation of a lot of cross-institution/al committees. More committees is not always the solution, as having a group of people from diverse areas deliberate on a subject is often more conducive to wasted time on all parts than effective problem solving and solutions that work. It is true that poverty is everyone's problem, but poverty's solution pertains more to the effective expenditure of already limited resources than a need for more committees.</p>
Ward 18 – Alta Vista							
No answers from new candidates Clinton Cowan, Kevin Hogan and Ernie Lauzon.							
Peter Hume INCUMBENT <i>(Provided Oct. 17th)</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<p>I should have advised you of this before it went live. The campaign is been very hectic. Monday my main policy piece is being released to all 10,000 homes in Alta Vista. A main plank is called "Crusading against homelessness".</p> <p>Here is what it says: Crusading against homelessness Peter Hume advocated that homelessness should be an election issue by soliciting voters' opinions on this priority issue. He will work with the Alliance to End Homelessness to end chronic homelessness in Ottawa by 2014. The group's research suggests it will cost \$18,000 to provide a homeless person with a permanent home and the necessary social services, instead of the \$100,000 current cost.</p> <p>I should have asked about using the Alliance but I hope you understand my commitment.</p>
Ward 19 – Cumberland							
NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Rob Jellett. No answers from new candidates Stephen Blais and Patrick Paquette							
Ward 20 – Osgoode							
NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Doug Thompson. No answers from new candidates Bob Masaro and Mark Scharfe.							
Ward 21 – Rideau-Goulbourn							
NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Glen Brooks. No answers from new candidates Bruce Chrustie, Scott Moffatt and Bruce Webster.							
Iain McCallum	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>1. No more extra money into it, what I would like to see is to have social housing privatized. It's mandated by the province and we are given monies by the province, but not told how to deal with it. If we can sell the ghettos, we can then offer social housing around the entire city, so they can be most into the city, so they can live in a better environment and learn to live in and be a</p>

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							productive and successful member of our society. 3. By living in a better environment the people in social housing will become productive and successful members of our society, thus taking the burden off the emergency shelters. 5. Not only through funding but with the correct approach to reduce poverty by helping the people in social housing by encouraging them to become productive and successful members of our society.
Ward 22 – Gloucester-South Nepean							
NO ANSWERS FROM INCUMBENT Steve Desroches. No answers from new candidate Stephen Knight							
Ward 23 – Kanata South							
No incumbent running. No answers from new candidates Marc Favreau, Allan Hubley, Perry Simpson and Roodney Tellez.							
Aaron Helleman	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	1. I support the Housing Answer proposal to commit \$15 million of the upload dollars. Provided these funds can be used to leverage federal and provincial dollars, then my understanding from the Housing Answer materials is that 1,000 units a year may be achievable.
Michel Tardif	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1) I do agree the developers should be forced to accommodate the affordable housing simply by negotiation. For example you want 20 storey's but only 12 is allowed it would be a great deal cheaper to have some affordable housing instead of taking through the board where it will cost you a million or so on lawyers. There also other ways but more aggressive. 2) Have the city rent apartments in the private sector but only have the family pay the subsidized amount. Problem is you cannot rent too many because rent will go up with vacancy rate drops.

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