



## **All municipal candidates urged to sign Housing Pledge**

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### **Accessible Housing Network says lack of accessible housing is crisis**

As municipal elections approach in every Ontario municipality, all candidates are invited to sign the Affordable and Accessible Housing Pledge. The pledge commits candidates to support universal design in all new apartment buildings, so that anyone of any age or ability can live there and then stay in their homes.

“The need for accessible housing everywhere in Ontario is at a crisis level”, says Accessible Housing Network (AHN) co-chair Kate Chung. “Almost one-quarter of Ontarians have a disability. Many, including young people, are forced to live in long-term care institutions simply because they can’t find an accessible home.”

The pledge further commits signees to:

Create homes that are truly affordable for the lowest income earners;

Preserve the affordable housing we already have;

Learn about a building’s condition from the people who live there;

Expand the municipal eviction prevention programs, rent supports and stabilization supports to enable tenants to remain in their homes and challenge bad faith evictions; Ensure housing is close to services and infrastructure; and Fulfil the municipality's commitment to the right to housing.

The full wording of the pledge can be found on the AHN website:

<https://www.accessiblehousingnetwork.org/support-us>

Candidates are asked to email their commitment to pledge to

[AccessibleHousingNetwork@gmail.com](mailto:AccessibleHousingNetwork@gmail.com)

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For more information:

**Full housing pledge:** [https://www.accessiblehousingnetwork.org/files/ugd/](https://www.accessiblehousingnetwork.org/files/ugd/bf8caa_7e4214b1a10f47deba19a357ca1597fb.pdf)

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