

**From:** Anthony Carricato <anthony@carricato.ca>  
**Sent:** October 9, 2018 12:51 PM  
**To:** Heather Pope  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Hello Heather,

Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. I have to be honest that I was unaware of an issue in criminal law with dementia patients and the criminal justice system. I am more familiar, as I think most of us are, with those instances of patients with dementia being abused by staff members.

I have developed a new appreciation for the treatment of seniors having visited all of the residences in our Ward. Above all, I have a deep belief that our seniors should be treated with respect in all aspects of their lives. But this is not just a seniors' issue as there are more and more younger people suffering with early onset dementia.

That being said, it is vital that those at the front lines of our legal system (first responders) are educated on dealing compassionately with persons with dementia, especially in instances of violence. Similarly, they need to be taught how to deal with those people with mental illness who run into problems with the law.

I am not a lawyer, but I would suggest we work with all other levels of governments to ensure our laws specifically address the treatment of those with dementia.

Thank you again for bringing this to my attention. I will be visiting the seniors' residences again this month and will be sure to discuss this issue with staff members.

Kind regards,  
Anthony

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On Thu, Oct 4, 2018 at 9:11 AM, Heather Pope <[dementiajustice@outlook.com](mailto:dementiajustice@outlook.com)> wrote:

Dear Candidates:

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their response to our election question about persons with dementia, criminal justice and municipal long-term care homes. To-date, we have received 19 replies. We have posted them on our [website](#).

If you have not responded but wish to do so, please be advised that we will continue posting replies on a rolling basis.

If you'd like your response to be removed, please let us know.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to address our question about this vulnerable population.

Best wishes with your campaign.

Sincerely,

Heather Pope, BA (Hons.), LLB, LLM

Director

Dementia Justice Society of Canada

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**From:** Heather Pope  
**Sent:** September 18, 2018 5:02 PM  
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**Subject:** Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Dear Candidate:

On behalf of the Dementia Justice Society of Canada, I am writing to ask a campaign question: "If elected, how will you work to improve the lives of people with dementia who live in a municipal long-term care home and become involved with the criminal justice system (e.g., are violent toward staff or another resident and are charged with assault)?"

Dementia Justice is a federally-incorporated non-profit society dedicated to advancing the rights, needs and dignity of people with dementia who are, or are at risk of becoming, involved with the criminal justice system. We strive to achieve our objectives through public advocacy, awareness-raising, education, and interdisciplinary legal and policy research.

Our current volunteer advisory board members are:

- Nicole Dalmer, PhD candidate, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, University of Western Ontario;
- Professor Margaret Isabel Hall, Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University;
- Barbara Lindsay, Director of Advocacy and Education & Marketing and Communications, Alzheimer Society of British Columbia;
- Helene Love, doctoral candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto;
- Aileen McGinty, Crown Attorney, Mental Health Court and Court Monitored Drug Treatment Program, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; and
- Daina Stanley, PhD candidate, Medical Anthropology, McMaster University.

For your reference, several of our advocacy materials are posted on our website, including our 2017 [submission](#) to the federal Department of Justice in response to its transforming the criminal justice system initiative.

Kindly note that we intend to post your response on our website for voters to read.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes with your campaign.

Sincerely,

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