

From: Catherine McKenney <catherinemckenney@gmail.com>
Sent: September 18, 2018 9:20 PM
To: Heather Pope
Subject: Re: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Dementia is a condition that has touched all of us. In fact, my campaign manager, who helped me write this response, is trying to address the many issues faced by his mother, who suffers from dementia.

Violence among dementia patients is often caused by their confusion and frustration in understanding what's happening to them. While this is understandable, we must also protect workers from violence, regardless of its cause. There is no easy answer in such a complex and tragic situation.

Many of the issues you raise fall to the federal and provincial governments' jurisdictions. However, the City operates a number of facilities that care for dementia patients and we would do our community well by examining these issues more carefully, and finding solutions that work for patients, their families, and workers alike.

I look forward to working with the Dementia Justice Society of Canada to find workable solutions for our community.

Catherine McKenney

On Tue, Sep 18, 2018, 5:01 PM Heather Pope, <dementiajustice@outlook.com> wrote:

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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Director

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