

From: David Chernushenko <david@davidc.ca>
Sent: September 18, 2018 10:01 PM
To: Heather Pope
Subject: Re: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Dear Heather,

Thanks for writing. I will be very honest and tell you that I am not especially well versed on the various ways in which this issue can be adequately addressed. I commit, however, to meeting and learning from advocates such as yourself, and to coming up with an action plan, in collaboration with Council colleagues and city staff. This is clearly a very serious matter, and deserves more attention than I can offer in the midst of a heated campaign. I look forward to continuing this discussion if re-elected.

Best regards,

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On 2018-09-18, at 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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