

From: Shawn Menard <shawn@shawnmenard.ca>
Sent: September 30, 2018 4:38 PM
To: dementiajustice@outlook.com
Subject: Re: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Hi Heather,

Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Thank you for the invitation to join the discussion on how we can do better to ensure that people suffering from dementia are not unnecessarily criminalized.

I am by no means an expert in this area so I would certainly look forward to hearing more from experts on the issue should I be entrusted with the responsibility of representing Capital Ward residents at the Council table.

Having said that, addressing the violence that can be associated with symptoms of dementia is in the interests of Long-term care residents and staff alike. Nobody wins when conduct which results from disease results in interfaces with the criminal justice system.

It is imperative that long-term care facilities have the resources they need to keep residents and workers safe. While this is an issue which engages all levels of government, I will undertake to listen to your concerns and work together with you and my provincial and federal counterparts, to find solutions.

Thanks again for this question and for all of your advocacy on behalf of persons living with dementia.

Kindest regards,

Shawn

On Tue, Sep 18, 2018 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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