

Attention: Councillors in Ontario's 42 Largest Cities & Towns

Survey on Campaign Finance Reform for Municipal Elections

Dear Councillor {contact.last_name}:

On December 2, the City Council of Toronto voted to ban corporate and union campaign contributions to candidates running in municipal elections.

By taking this step, Toronto adopted the same campaign finance standard applied in federal elections, in provincial elections in Quebec, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, and for all municipal elections in Quebec.

The reasons for the ban are summarized in [this document](#).

Fair Vote Canada is a national multi-partisan citizens' campaign for electoral reform founded in 2001. You can learn more about us at www.fairvote.ca.

Fair Vote will soon be launching a provincial campaign in Ontario calling for a ban on corporate and union campaign contributions for all municipal and provincial elections, putting Ontario in line with this widely adopted standard for campaign finance regulations.

At this time, we hope to determine how councillors in Ontario's 30 largest cities and towns feel about this issue.

Could you take just a few minutes to respond to these questions?

1. Do you support banning corporate and union campaign contributions in all Ontario municipal elections?
2. If so, which option do you prefer? That the Government of Ontario: a) implement the ban that would be applied to all municipal elections in the province, or b) that the government of Ontario empower individual municipalities to adopt such a ban?
3. If you support the ban, would you add your name to a public list of councillors who support it?
4. If you support the ban, would you add your name to a public list of councillors who pledge not to solicit or accept any corporate or union donations in the next municipal election?

Please send your responses to office@fairvote.ca.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reply to this email or call the Fair Vote Canada office at 416-410-4034.

Thank you for your consideration and response.

Regards,

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