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## For City Councillor Parkdale-High Park Ward 4

### My Vision for Toronto

*I am running with a simple message. I have a dream to make each and every day wonderful for all of us in Parkdale High Park. How do we make this happen? The simplest way is to make life safe and affordable for everyone. You can not feel the wonders of life if you are too preoccupied with your own budget and safety. I have a tangible plan to make life safe and affordable.*

### My priorities:

*Keep High Park elegant, charming, and beautiful. Bring Parkdale back to its former glory as one of Toronto's most desirable neighbourhoods. Make our community a safe, fun, artistic, warm, welcoming, attractive, and energetic neighbourhood; one of the most attractive tourist destinations in Toronto and Canada in one councillor's term.*

- **Safer & Cleaner Streets & TTC**

*Improve public safety and cleanliness in our neighbourhoods, schools, public spaces and on transit.*

- **Lower Property Taxes for Seniors**

*Reduce property taxes for seniors by up to 25%, bringing them closer to 2022 levels.*

- **Responsible Property Taxes**

*Keep annual property tax increases at or below the rate of inflation. It is easy and simple to increase taxes and fees but a smart and responsible city hall should know how to increase its revenue without increasing taxes.*

- **Help Young People Own a Home**

*Create a rent-to-own platform that gives the next generation a realistic path to homeownership. Restoring the growth of the middle class.*

- **More Affordable Housing**

*Prioritize City spending to create 30,000 affordable housing units and make ending homelessness a feasible goal within one term.*

- **Lower & More Stable Rent**

*Bring practical solutions to lower rent*

- **Support Small Businesses**

*Provide property tax relief for small grocery stores and food businesses, and reform commercial property taxes to help local businesses stay in Toronto.*

- **More Affordable Food**

*Explore City-owned grocery stores and other practical ways to reduce food costs.*

- **Bring Life to Our Neighbourhoods**

*Make it easier to create farmers' markets, night markets, street food stalls, and pedestrian-friendly community spaces.*

- **Affordable Entertainment & Culture**

*Encourage accessible concerts, community dinners and cultural activities across the ward.*

- **High Park Access for All**

*Restore practical vehicle access while balancing the needs of pedestrians and cyclists.*

- **New Sources of City Revenue**

*Find innovative ways to generate revenue without continually raising property taxes.*

- **Term Limits**

*Encourage fresh ideas and new leadership by limiting City Councillors to two terms.*

- **Better Living Standards for Renters**

*Strengthen enforcement of proper living standards in rental buildings and Toronto Community Housing.*

- **Respect Property Owners' Rights**

*Establish clearer boundaries between property owners' rights and City Hall's authority.*

- **Smart, Gentle Growth**

*Support responsible low-and mid-rise development that adds housing while respecting existing neighbourhoods.*

- **A Better Bloor Street**

*Restore two lanes for cars in each direction while creating a safe, practical alternative for cyclists.*

*Parkdale-High Park deserves a talented, passionate, motivated councillor, who fights every day to prioritise the needs of residents, to help all our neighbours realize their dreams.*

*Please join our journey to help all our neighbours get ahead and make life better for everyone.*

*I ask you to vote for Adam Pham to help me realize this agenda, to deliver practical solutions, to improve people's lives, and to bring positive energy back to our neighbourhood!*

*Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all your help and support!*

*Adam Pham*

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Dear Neighbours,

I still remember arriving in Toronto from Eastern Europe with my family 25 years ago. Even TTC fares felt expensive, so we walked everywhere.

Later, I bought a bicycle at a garage sale for \$5. I rode it to school, work, the



grocery store, everywhere I needed to go. For three years, I barely had to repair it. Imagine that: \$5 covered nearly all my transportation needs for three years.

That was affordability.

Then came something that would be almost unimaginable for many young people today. After working full-time for just three months, and being one of the top producers of the company, I was able to put an offer on a single-detached house. Yes, the mortgage was huge, but after nearly 39 years as a tenant in Asia, Europe, & North America, I finally had the opportunity to own a two-storey detached house in Toronto. That kind of opportunity is disappearing for today's younger generation. The dream of buying a home and building a secure future seems out of reach. Young people wonder whether they will ever be able to achieve financial freedom. The rising cost of housing, rent, utilities, food, transportation, and everyday life is pushing young people out of Toronto.

Our middle class is shrinking, and the pressure is not limited to our youth. Homeowners are feeling the squeeze, and seniors living on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable. For some seniors, property taxes alone can consume several months of pension. Many can't even afford to water their garden.



Taxes and fees have grown faster than any other expenses.

**We need to make Toronto affordable again.**

While we've experienced huge tension between landlords and tenants here, Singapore has a landmass slightly larger than Toronto's, yet supports twice the population, with a remarkably high 90.8% rate of homeownership. The Wabash Community Recreation Centre in Parkdale has been in motion since 1999, and the project is scheduled for completion in 2030, while in China; a 1,000-bed emergency hospital was assembled in 10 days. Tokyo's metropolitan area is 12 times more populous than Toronto, yet its public spaces are remarkably cleaner. Toronto should be asking a simple question:

**Why can't we do better?**

Here in Parkdale-High Park, I believe we can protect what makes High Park beautiful through gentle, smart and responsible growth, while investing in and improving South Parkdale.

We cannot ignore homelessness, addiction, mental-health challenges, and the deterioration of our public spaces. In 2025, the City estimated that 12,196 people were experiencing homelessness in Toronto. When I see people struggling on Queen Street West, King Street West, Bloor Street West and Dundas Street West, I don't believe the answer is to accept these problems as inevitable.

**We need compassion, but we also need practical actions.** We should set an ambitious goal of making meaningful progress within one Council term rather than allowing these problems to become worse year after year.

Twenty-five years ago, I believed Canada was a place where no dream was too big, and opportunity was within reach for anyone willing to work for it. I still believe that. But we have to make that promise real again: For our children, our seniors, our working families, our small businesses, and those who are struggling.

**Toronto should be a great place to live not just for some, but for all.**

- Let's make Toronto a safer and cleaner city.
- Let's bring the cost of living down and rebuild opportunity.
- Let's build a stronger Toronto for everyone.