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## 2019 Federal Election

### Ukrainian Canadian Congress Questionnaire for Candidates for Member of Parliament

Dear Candidate:

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is surveying all candidates in the 2019 Federal Election regarding the following issues of importance to the Ukrainian Canadian community.

Thank you for helping us to inform Canadians about your position on the issues which are very important to the Ukrainian Canadian community. Attached to this survey please find the UCC National 2019 Policy Guide.

We will be publishing the results of this questionnaire in the media and on the UCC website.

**We kindly request that you respond to the following questions by October 4, 2019 via email to [2019election@ucc.ca](mailto:2019election@ucc.ca)**

Should you elect not to respond, we will record this as an expression of "No Interest."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

#### Candidate Information:

Name of Candidate: Christina Porter \_\_\_\_\_

Constituency: Mississauga Malton \_\_\_\_\_

Political Party: Green Party of Canada \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Strengthening Canada-Ukraine Security Relations

a) Do you condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea and parts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts?

Yes, I do condemn those actions.

b) Do you support Canada providing Ukraine with defensive weapons, increased security cooperation between Canada and Ukraine, and increased Canadian sanctions on Russia in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

Yes, I do support measured responses to Russian aggression towards Ukraine.

## **2. Supporting Democratic and Economic Reform in Ukraine**

a) Do you support increased Canadian international assistance for Ukraine, including increased humanitarian assistance and increased support for consolidating Ukraine's democratic institutions?

Yes I support international assistance for Ukraine, including humanitarian assistance and I support consolidating Ukraine's democratic institutions.

## **3. Ensuring Security and Dignity for Seniors**

a) Do you support increased investment to ensure affordable care for seniors and increased cooperation with ethno-cultural organizations and institutions who provide care to seniors?

Yes, we commit to ensuring safe and affordable housing for seniors, in part through the creation of a co-op housing strategy. We also support using demographic and needs based health fund transfers instead of the current GDP growth formula

## **4. Welcoming Newcomers to Canada**

a) Do you support increasing assistance and cooperation with ethno-cultural, community-based settlement services for newcomers?

Yes, the Green Party is committed to increasing the funding for multicultural associations providing immigrant support programs.

b) Do you support visa-free travel to Ukrainian citizens visiting Canada?

Ukraine currently does not meet the requirements for visa exemption, but I would be open to revisiting this issue in the future.

## **5. Helping our Culture Flourish**

Historical recognition –

a) Do you support the recognition of the Deportation of the Crimean Tatar People (Sürgünlik) by the Soviet regime in 1944 as an act of Genocide? Do you support establishing May 18 as the annual Day of Remembrance of the Genocide of the Crimean Tatar People?

Yes, I do acknowledge the deportation of the Crimean Tatar people as a genocide. I would support marking May 18 as a day of remembrance for the Crimean Tatar people.

b) Do you support the establishment of October 28 as the annual Day of Commemoration of Canada's First National Internment Operations?

Canada's history on internment camps is a shameful one. I would support establishing a day of remembrance for Canada's first internment.

c) Do you support increasing funding to multicultural programming in Canada?

Yes, I would support this.

d) Do you support increasing government assistance to heritage language programming in Canada?

Yes, I would support this.

## **6. Fighting Online Hate and Disinformation**

a) Do you support increased measures to eliminate online hate and disinformation campaigns from social media?

Yes, misinformation on social media is a big problem. I would support exploring measures to help people verify the content they consume online.