



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**

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: Danny Celovsky

Constituency: Bay of Quinte, Ontario

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?

Completely. My background is Czech ... and my extended family remains there. I fully understand the occupation experiences by Russia.

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 further support Canada pressuring NATO and other alliance countries to do the same.

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. If asked for such assistance and support.

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. I would like to see our Health Care expanded to include prescriptions, dental, and eyewear. Opening up health care to ensure that seniors (and their families) have as much choice as possible in selecting their health-care providers.

4. Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

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

Very much so. My parents were immigrants. They were taken in by a local group of Czechs that helped them navigate their new country and surroundings. Later on, my parents became part of the group that welcomed other immigrants. It works. Very well.

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

It would have to be reciprocal. But would be happy to press our diplomats to get it done.

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?

I would need more information on this. A discussion/meeting to inform me would be helpful.

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

Same as above.

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

I support increased funding for all cultural activities and events.

I honestly believe we all need more culture and art in our lives. Multi-cultural would certainly apply.

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

I would need to discuss this in more detail – to increase my knowledge. I can commit to the discussion, however (and can commit to having an open mind).

6. Fighting Online Hate and Disinformation

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

YES Accountability to the social media platforms are quickly becoming a priority.