



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Gordon Kubanek \_\_\_\_\_

Constituency: \_\_\_\_\_ Carleton

Political Party: \_\_\_\_\_ Green

#### 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, but at the same time I want to figure out how to de-escalate our relationship with Russia so that they feel less threatened and thus will not lash out in such a nasty way

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, as long as dialogue with Russia happens as well.

## 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?

Personally I think this is more important than Russia for the long term health of Ukraine – I have very good ukrainian friends who tell me how bad the governance is and that this will keep the Ukrainian quality of life low in a land with so much potential

## 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 have my mother in law living with me and think the more we can keep older people in their community the better for all of us

## 4. Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

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

Yes, but not so a ghetto is formed, but as a bridge to becoming `CDN`

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

I do not know enough to comment on this

## 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?

Would this may 18 be in Canada? If so, no, as it would be impossible if we did the same for every other group that suffered injustice, doing so in the Ukraine makes a lot of sense though.

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

I know nothing about this so cannot comment

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

If the funding helps people feel like this is their new home so they feel like we are all good neighbours, absolutely – and we MUST be good neighbours with each other because all of us came from somewhere – my dad came from the Czech republic.

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

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## 6. Fighting Online Hate and Disinformation

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

**Absolutely !** – this is very destructive to the fabric of our democracy