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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**

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: _____ John Werring _____

Constituency: _____ Surrey Centre _____

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 think this invasion was totally unnecessary and political motivated. It served no other purpose than for Russia to try to position itself strategically in the region.

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 on all counts.

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 do. I would support such a response for any country that is unnecessarily invaded and over run by a third party. This is foundational to the Green Party of Canada in its policies in promoting peace and global cooperation.

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?

Absolutely. An essential part of the GPCs platform is that the social contract between government and citizens is to make sure that people can live fulfilling and dignified lives in their senior years regardless of ethnicity.

4. Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

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

Yes, I am and we (the GPC) are committed to work with municipalities and provinces to improve the integration of new Canadians into the multicultural fabric of our country

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

Yes.

5. Helping our Culture Flourish

Historical recognition –

a) Do you support the recognition of the Deportation of the Crimean Tatar People (Sürgünlük) 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 think it has been clearly established that this was a case of genocide and I think any act of genocide against any people of any race or ethnicity should be soundly condemned. We should also recognize these events and provide the victims of these atrocities with the opportunity to remember them so they will not happen again.

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

I am sorry but I am unfamiliar with this matter.

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

Yes.

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

Yes. My party advocates for Increase funding of multicultural associations providing immigrant support programs including language programs.

6. Fighting Online Hate and Disinformation

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

Absolutely. Hate speech and the spreading of false information has no place in our society.