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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: Michael Nenn

Constituency: MISSION-MATSQUI-FRASER CANYON

Political Party: NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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?

As an NDP candidate I condemn any acts of violence by United Nations/other international bodies. As such I support and respect United Nations General Assembly Resolution 68/262 that was adopted on March 27, 2014. The NDP supports Canada as a peacekeeper role defending Canadian values on the international stage.

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?

I support finding a peaceful solution to a conflict and occupation that has fueled conflict creating misery for the citizens of Ukraine. Which is why I support a stronger UN with a much broader mandate to ensure these types of conflicts are prevented or ended through diplomacy. If Russia continues to show aggression then sanctions would be an option.

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?

Absolutely. The Liberals have decreased international aid to the lowest levels in 50 years. An NDP government would be committed to boosting Canada's international assistance with a goal of 0.7% of our GNI to international aid. We support ending global poverty, protecting indigenous rights and supporting peace and justice. We also support gender equality.

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. The NDP would strengthen our healthcare with universal pharmacare as well as dental, hearing, vision and mental health. We commit to building 500 000 affordable units of housing. We would protect pensions and strengthen the OAS and GIS. No senior should have to choose between a meal, a home or medications they need. We support dignity for Seniors and it's a shame these policies haven't been implemented decades earlier.

4. Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

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

Absolutely. The NDP would commit to fairness, respect and dignity making sure our immigration policies and levels meet Canada's labour force needs. We recognize that ethno diversity is Canada's strength. We will work with the provinces to address gaps in settlement services and improve foreign credentials recognition. We believe in family reunification and will end the unfair cap on applications to sponsor parents and grandparents.

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

Yes, as someone who grew up with many Ukrainian friends and neighbors, I understand the importance of the culture and skillsets they bring to Canada.

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 would support this.

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

Yes, we need to remember the tragedy when many thousands were deemed "enemy aliens" and sent to internment camps. I certainly support this. The NDP believes strongly in supporting multi-culturalism. It's part of our values. It's who we are.

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

Yes, The NDP will protect our heritage and support a strong, independent arts and culture industry. We will increase funding for the CBC and make sure that arts and cultural institutions receive stable, long-term funding to grow and promote Canada's diverse cultures and histories. We will also support income tax averaging for artists and cultural workers.

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

Absolutely. The NDP would support this as again this speaks to our values in recognizing and protecting the diverse cultures and heritage that has built Canada to what it is today. And also for the future.

6. Fighting Online Hate and Disinformation

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

Absolutely. The NDP will work to support organizations and confront racism to end it for good. We will convene a national working group to counter online hate and protect public safety making sure that social media platforms are responsible for removing hateful and extremist content before it can do harm.