

Candidate Information:

Name of Candidate: _____Sarah Climenhaga_____

Constituency: _____Toronto - St. Paul's_____

Political Party: _____Green Party of Canada_____

Question 1

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

I support the people of Ukraine in their need for freedom, security and peace, and I would do all in my power to support them with that. I believe in respecting the rule of law and national sovereignty.

2. Supporting Democratic and Economic Reform in Ukraine

Do you support increase Canadian international assistance for Ukraine?

The Green Party is committed to building and keeping peace, strengthening civil society and democratic institutions around the world, as well as expanding Canada's peacekeeping role internationally.

3. Ensuring Security and Dignity for Seniors

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 support this. The Green Party believes an essential duty of the social contract between government and citizens is to make sure people can live fulfilling and dignified lives in their senior years. Our pledge of a Guaranteed Livable Income, Universal Pharmacare, Universal Dental care for low income individuals and investment in public transportation and affordable housing all contribute to seniors' quality of life. A Green government will also answer the call

of the Canadian Medical Association to develop a National Seniors Strategy, to ensure that all seniors can live with autonomy, dignity and security.

4. Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

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

A Green Government believes strongly that in our multicultural democracy, diversity is an asset that should be supported. We are committed to supporting multicultural communities by speeding up family reunification, increasing funding for multicultural associations that provide immigrant support programs, and assisting cultural organizations to obtain charitable status.

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

I will defer to the foreign policy expertise within the Green Party national office and will support their position on this issue, which I trust they have provided to you already.

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 will defer to the foreign policy expertise within the Green Party national office and will support their position on this issue, which I trust they have provided to you already.

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

I believe Canada must take responsibility for its actions of the past that caused suffering, and will defer to the foreign policy expertise within the Green Party national office and will support their position on this issue, which I trust they have provided to you already.

c) Do you support increasing funding to multicultural programming in Canada and increasing government assistance to heritage language programming in Canada?

See my response for question four - the Green Party is committed to supporting multicultural communities by speeding up family reunification, increasing funding for multicultural associations that provide immigrant support programs, and assisting cultural organizations to obtain charitable status.

6. Fighting Online Hate and Disinformation

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

Those who spread misinformation with the intent to manipulate public thinking or threaten or harass others should be held accountable for their actions. The Green Party has pledged to regulate social media platforms to ensure that only actual people, with verifiable identities, are able to publish on those platforms. I would welcome other evidence-based measures to eliminate online hate and disinformation campaigns from social media.