

Affordable & Accessible Housing

*What we heard from
#TakeTheMic*



DISCUSSION PURPOSE & AGENDA

Purpose: to update the Ontario Liberal Party Membership of the #TakeTheMic results on Affordable and Accessible Housing

Agenda:

- Welcome and overview remarks from the Leader, Steven Del Duca
- Platform co-Chairs to present
 - Overview of the #TakeTheMic process and the participation numbers
 - Social Media Impressions
 - Review of the top ideas and support level
 - Overview of each policy theme
 - What's next?

A STORY IN THE NUMBERS

A total of **28,236** visited the #TakeTheMic website, submitting **38,438** original ideas and comments and casting **233,791** votes.

We know many of you worked hard in your ridings and networks to get people engaged, and it paid off. Thank you!

Top 5 Most Supported Policy Recommendations

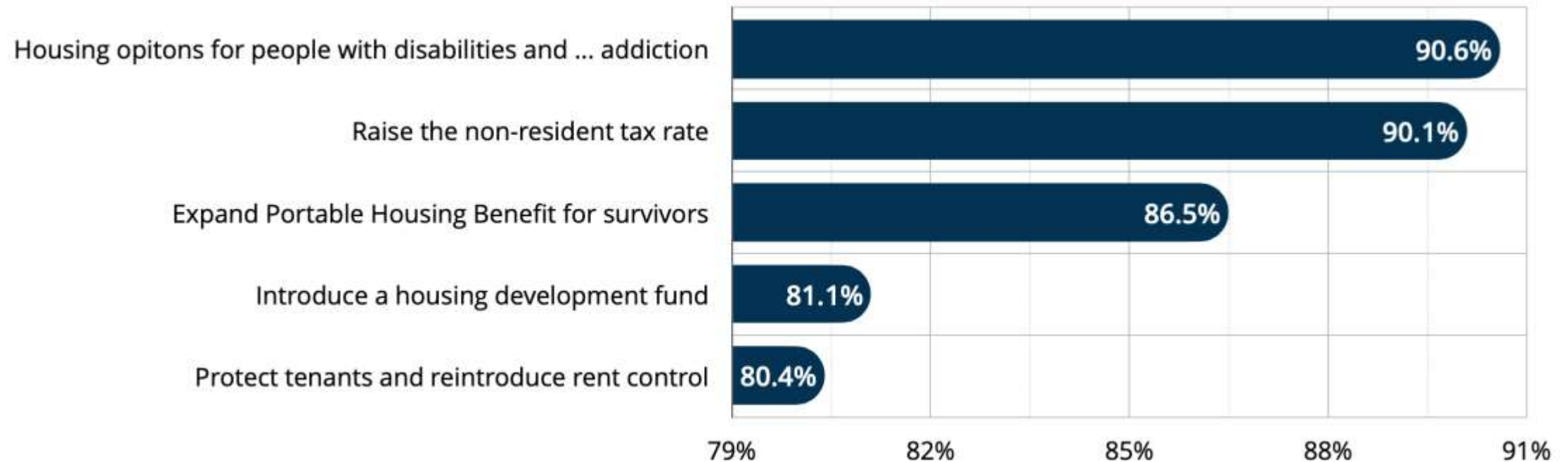
1	Improve the quality of care (including better food, increased personal hygiene and more hours of care)	Fixing Long-Term Care	98% Approval*
2	Create and protect green space and increase Ontario's tree canopy	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting our Environment	97% Approval*
3	Move to a full-time staffing model in long-term care, providing more stability, better working conditions, higher wages and more accountability	Fixing Long-Term Care	96% Approval*
4	Reverse the gutting of Conservation Authorities and provide them with the tools they need to deliver on their mandate	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Our Environment	96% Approval*
5	Improve emission performance standards for big polluters	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Our Environment	96% Approval*

*Approval is a measure of the percentage of participants who voted in support of an option, rather than neutral or opposed.

AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

TOP COMMENTED ON POLICY STATEMENTS RELATED TO HOUSING

- Appoint an expert task force to recommend changes to the Planning Act and regulations to reduce barriers to building more housing (204 comments)
- Offer incentives and tax breaks for purpose-built rental buildings (192)
- Exempt first-time homebuyers from provincial land transfer tax (132)



Comments Overview

[RE: inclusionary & conditional zoning] Municipalities have failed to truly address the needs of citizenry. They will favour restrictive zoning instead of addressing the problems at hand. (5 Likes)

[RE: housing options for people with disabilities and those struggling with addictions] To increase housing options for those with disabilities, ODSP needs to be addressed. The Party has suggested elsewhere in this survey about the possibility of a guaranteed basic income, but whether that comes to be or ODSP remains in some form, the \$497 dollars allocated in ODSP for "shelter" is insulting and impracticable with ever-rising rent rates. More options are good, but only if those they're meant for can afford the rent in the first place. (5 Likes)

[RE: inclusionary & conditional zoning] If municipalities have this power, it ought to be based on comprehensive provincial legislation. (4 Likes)

[RE: exempt first-time homebuyers from tax] Affordable rental housing is more important than a few more people being able to own homes. (4 Likes)

[RE: exempt first-time homebuyers from tax] Buying a home should not be seen as somehow superior to renting one. It isn't and it is a choice with many pros and cons. Let first-time buyers grow their savings, and apply through the CMHC. (4 Likes)

[RE: expand portable housing benefit] keep it simple. UBI will ensure the money gets into the hands who need it most. (4 Likes)

[RE: expand portable housing benefit] How about providing proper funding to the already existing shelters and then expanding this funding? (4 Likes)

[RE: expand portable housing benefit] This also needs to include a provision for the pets of survivors. If the abuser is threatening the survivor's pet, that makes it harder for them to leave, since they often can't take the pet with them and the abuser will threaten to harm or actually harm the pet. (4 Likes)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Did we capture the issue?
Where do we go from here?
What should be our priorities
address Ontario's housing crisis?



THANK YOU

