# DISCUSSION PURPOSE & AGENDA

**Purpose**: to update the Ontario Liberal Party Membership of the #TakeTheMic results

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**Agenda:**

- Welcome and overview remarks from the Platform Co-Chairs, Kate Graham & Michael Coteau

Presentation Agenda:
- 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

**LIBĒRAL** ONTARIO

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!
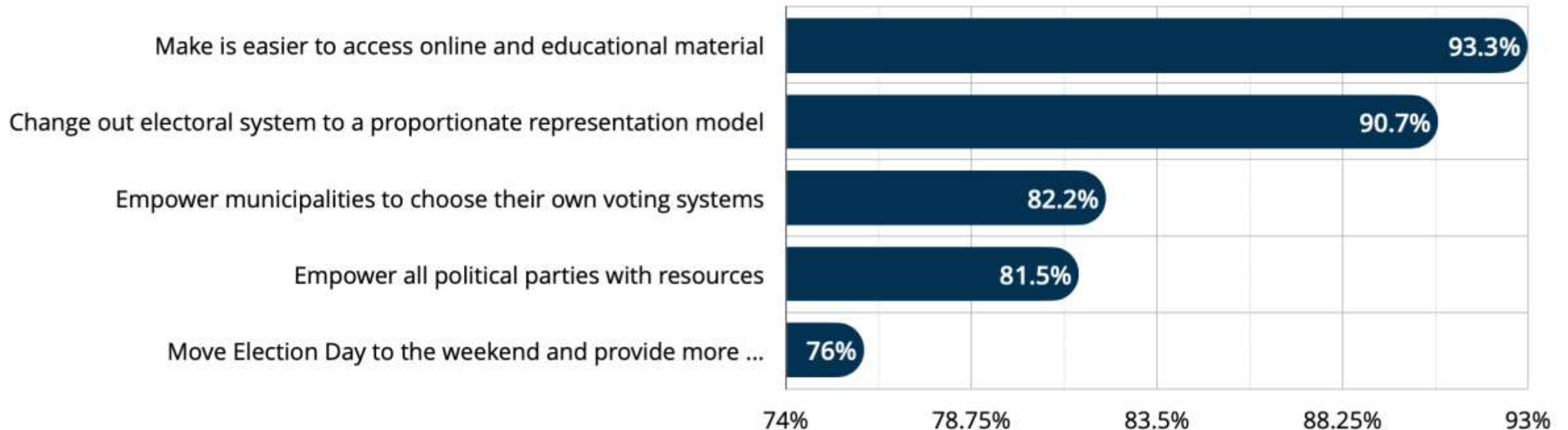
## Top 5 Most Supported Policy Recommendations

| # | Recommendation | Category | Approval |
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| 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.

# EVERY VOICE AND EVERY VOTE

**TOP COMMENTED ON POLICY STATEMENTS RELATED TO DEMOCRACY**
- Change our electoral system to a proportionate representation model (469 comments)
- Introduce ranked ballots at the provincial level (419 comments)
- Move Election Day to the weekend and provide more advanced voting locations (317 comments)

# COMMENTS OVERVIEW

[RE: expand services in French] To make funds available for this, do away with the Catholic school system and harmonize resources. (13 Likes)

[RE: resources for all political parties] Should probably bring back the per vote subsidy to allow parties to grow. And, I may be wrong, but I feel removing large donations is probably good. The extreme case of the US where money has incredible influence shows the downside of too much private money in politics. (10 Likes)

[RE: proportionate representation] Let's face it. No recent govt has won 51% of the votes. FPTP system produces wide policy lurches, gives the most regressive premier after the most progressive premier and delivers false majorities. PR will allow more collaborative governance and policies will better reflect communities' thinking. (8 Likes)

[RE: resources for all political parties] What about making it totally fair, getting rid of campaign contributions and giving each part the exact same funding. (8 Likes)

[RE: ranked ballots] Stop calling "ranked ballots" a voting system. They are a tool that can be used well, or poorly. The system you are describing likely means Alternative Vote which is a bad, bad, bad, bad idea that will make FPTP look nice. You either know this and are trying a bait-and-switch like Trudeau, or you don't know enough about electoral options to convince me that this is under genuine consideration. Stop it, do better. (8 Likes)

[RE: proportionate representation] I would strongly support this, but I think the process is even more important. Politicians have lost all credibility when it comes to voting system reform. It's time for them to get out of the way and let citizens lead. Set up a proper Citizens' Assembly, give them the resources they need, and commit to implementing whatever the recommendations are. (7 Likes)