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Re: ENTRY BY CANVASSERS TO APARTMENT BUILDINGS, CONDOMINIUMS AND
NON –PROFIT HOUSING CO-OPERATIVES

To Whom It May Concern:

The following are excerpts from the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, regarding the rights of candidates in the 2026 Municipal Elections to canvas in apartment buildings, condominiums and non-profit co-operatives.

Access to residential premises

88.1 No person who is in control of an apartment building, condominium building, non-profit housing cooperative or gated community may prevent a candidate or his or her representative from campaigning between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the doors to the apartments, units or houses, as the case may be.

The following are excerpts from other provincial legislation regarding the rights of candidates in the 2026 Municipal Elections to canvas in apartment buildings, condominiums and non-profit co-operatives:

Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 17 s. 28:

28. No landlords shall restrict reasonable access to a residential complex by candidates for election to any office at the federal, provincial or municipal level, or their authorized representative, if they are seeking access for the purposes of canvassing or distributing election material.

Co-operative Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C.35:

171.24 No non-profit housing co-operative or servant or agent of such a co-operative shall restrict reasonable access to the housing units of the co-operative by candidates, or their authorized representatives, for election to the House of Commons, the Legislative Assembly, any office in a municipal government or a school board for the purposes of canvassing or distributing election material. 1992, c.19, s.23.

Condominium Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 19 s. 118:

118. No corporation or employee or agent of a corporation shall restrict reasonable access to the property by candidates, or their authorized representatives, for election to the House of Commons, the Legislative Assembly or an office in a municipal government or school board if access is necessary for the purpose of canvassing or distributing election material.

Should you have any questions on this matter please call me at 905-771-2529.

Sincerely,



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City Clerk and Returning Officer