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Attn: Tera Beaulieu and Todd Ross
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Dear Tera, Todd, and Members,

Thank you for submitting your questions. We're happy to provide responses on Olivia's support and commitment to Métis and Aboriginal people in our city.

1) Do you have a Métis or an Aboriginal platform or positions as part of your campaign? What are they?

Olivia is the only candidate who has released a full platform that is fully-costed. This means real vision, real priorities, and real commitments to improving the lives of people in our city. We do not have a specific set of policies targeting Métis and Aboriginal peoples; however, Olivia's plans will affect many issues that are important to Métis and Aboriginal peoples. Most of all, Olivia's plans for our city ensure that no one and no neighbourhood gets left behind.

2) What do you see as the City of Toronto priorities for the Métis and the Aboriginal communities in Toronto?

We know that issues such as crime, poverty, unemployment, and homelessness disproportionately affect Aboriginal peoples. Olivia understands that we need to invest in city services to address many of these issues. With child poverty at 29% in our city, the need for healthy breakfast programs in schools is, unfortunately, ever more important. Olivia started these programs in 1989 as School Trustee, and sadly, the need is greater than ever. She has pledged to feed an additional 36,000 kids a day with this program. Olivia has pledged to eliminate the Police practice of "carding" in order to reduce arbitrary stopping of racialized people. She will make communities safer by implementing community policing strategies and ensuring outreach workers are a key part of prevention. She will also expand the Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams (MCITs) pioneered by St Michael's Hospital to deal with situations of emotional distress by pairing mental health professionals with police.

Housing is an essential need for every single person in our city. Affordable housing requires critical investment to preserve existing stock and to build new units to meet ever growing demand. To meet this, Olivia plans to build 15,000 new affordable units over the next 4

years with incentives for developers to meet a 20% goal. This is how cities like Boston and New York City build affordable housing. Olivia will bring those programs here and work in partnership with developers to find good homes for people. This is one step, alongside great programs like Streets to Homes that will contribute to eliminating street homelessness in ten years.

Partnership is a key strategy Olivia will work with. Olivia has pledged to create training programs by employing young people through Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs). These were developed in Los Angeles and used to build the Staples Centre, and have provided 500 jobs for young people in the revitalization of Regent Park. Over 4 years, Olivia will create 5,000 of these same jobs. A key part of employment security is child care. Olivia has pledged to create 3,000 new child care spots, half of which will be subsidized. Child care costs are rising and are a huge impediment to securing and maintaining good employment. These new slots will make it easier for 3,000 more people to find jobs and careers.

3) How do you envision building a closer relationship between the City of Toronto and the Toronto and York Region Métis Council?

Olivia has worked at city council and has worked with organizations all across the city. She looks forward to working with the Toronto and York Region Métis Council to further find out about your needs and where we can work together. Olivia will be a leader who works openly and transparently for the people. She believes in providing access to information on the work she is going on behalf of the city and will release her schedule and expenses to the media. She will ensure that lobbyists must register to do work with not only the city but Toronto Community Housing and the Toronto Police. And unlike Mr. Ford, she will not stand in the way of Freedom of Information requests into her office.

Thanks for reading our response and we hope we can count on your support come October 27th. We look forward to working with you after the election.

All our best,

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