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CANDIDATES.
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CANDIDATES:**

MAYOR: (5)
Kevin ASHE
Lisa ROBINSON
Doug CORNELL
Shaun RICKARD
Andrea Wood
Regional Ward 1: (1)
Maurice BRENNER
City Ward 1: (6)
James BLAIR
Abdullah MIR
Priya VADIVEL
Michael SAMLALSINGH
Jamie NYE
Jeremy STEINHAUSEN
Regional Ward 2: (2)
Linda COOK
Nancy VAN ROOY
City Ward 2: (5)
Mara NAGY
Sam SNYDERS
John MELOCHE
Stacey LEPINE-FISHER
Vince VIAPIANA
Regional Ward 3: (1)
David PICKLES
City Ward 3: (2)
Rajkumar NADA
Shaheen BUTT

**AJAX REGISTERED
CANDIDATES:**
MAYOR: (4)
Marilyn Crawford
Ashmeed Khan
Richard Hinds
Sajid Raza Rehman
Regional Ward 1: (2)
Rob Tyler Morin
Aqsa Asif Malik
Local Ward 1: (7)
Kristy McDonald
Malcolm Andre Barrington
Sadiq Boodoo
Rob Ford
Kelly Miller
Nabeel Ilyas Choudhry
Jai Sahak
Regional Ward 2: (4)
Asad Ali
Ranjith Paranivasagam
Sterling Lee
Muhammad Asif Malik
Local Ward 2: (7)
Jay Hayles
Nancy Henry

Andras Adaikkalam
Asif Kasim
Azhar Khan
Sajid Dogar
Jay Hayles
Regional Ward 3: (6)
Angie Papas
Rob Chopowick
Donna Edwards
Errol Massiah
Lynn MacDonald
Stephanie Ashton
Local Ward 3: (4)
Lisa Patel
Bosh Bope
Nick Papalambropoulos
Santosh Gaddam

**WHITBY REGISTERED
CANDIDATES**
MAYOR: (3)
Leahy, Chris
Roy, Elizabeth
RAJMOHAN, HARSHINI
Regional Ward 1: (4)
Mulcahy, Rhonda
MOHMY-UD-DIN IKRAMAH
BROWN, TRACY
THATCHER, CHRISTINE
Local Ward 1: (3)
BROWN, ANASTASIA
LEE, STEVE
WHITE, JAY
Regional Ward 2: (2)
Lewis, Debbie
Newman, Deidre
Local Ward 2: (6)
CARDWELL, MATT
LOPES, LORI
NAEME, YAR.M
TAIT, JUDITH
KOHISTANI, MEHMOOD
ARSENEAULT, MICHELLE
Regional Ward 3: (2)
Heckbert. Melissa
LUNDQUIST, NIKI
Local Ward 3: (6)
Templeton, Scott
SANSOM, DAVE
MCCARNEY, LAURA
FREMPONG, AKUAH
BAKER, BOB
RINELLA, JOHN
Regional Ward 4: (2)
SHAHID, MALEEHA
YAMADA, STEVE
Local Ward 4: (4)
Bozinoski, Victoria
PERDIGAO, WALTER
HAMMAD, SAIMA
HOSEIN, SHAH

**OSHAWA REGISTERED
CANDIDATES**

MAYOR: (7)
Tito-Dante Marimpietri
Jim Lee
Henry Onwuachu
Derek Giberson
Michael Coons
Joseph Tomlins
Dave Westlake
Regional Ward 1: (2)
Christopher Biancaniello
Martin Franssen
Local Ward 1: (5)
Danjeza Dangeli
Olaleye Oluwaolorunlanke
Rosemary McConkey
Abdus Salam Shinway
Omar Wisdom
Regional Ward 2: (2)
Cameron Anderson
Bradley Marks
Local Ward 2: (3)
Jane Hurst
John R.E. Sturdy
Sarah Chiapparro
Regional Ward 3: (1)
Robert (Bob) Chapman
Local Ward 3: (4)
Sylvia Lesner
Matthew Schaffer
Roger Bouma
Rahul Padmini Soumian
Regional Ward 4: (4)
Rick Kerr
Doug Sanders
Jeff Davis
Jack O'Donnell
Local Ward 4: (5)
Theresa Grant
Jose Morales
Deb Oldfield
Dave Thompson
Edouard Nwaha Gwet
Regional Ward 5: (2)
Kristen McKinnon
Brian Charles Nicholson
Local Ward 5: (5)
Siddharth (Sid) Goyal
Todd Forbes
Adedeji Ibinayo
Christeen Thornton
John Gray

**CLARINGTON
REGISTERED
CANDIDATES**

MAYOR: (2)
Foster, Adrian
Tom Dingwall

TALE OF THE CANDIDATES:

This how we see it at The Central across the Region:
Pickering: Big development in the Mayoral race. Andrea Wood has entered the race. This means it is a 5 person race. The battle for recognition from the three new candidates appears to be splitting the undesided vote even more. This making it that much harder for change at the Mayors office.

Ajax: Sajid Raza Rehman is the new candidate to enter the Mayoral race. So far it is a four way split. Favoring Marilyn Crawford as the only one with municipal experience. If the voice of the people stand true and they are demanding change. Crawford may have a real tough race ahead. Time will tell.

Whitby: RAJMOHAN, HARSHINI is the name of the week as the new candidate chal-
lenging the office of mayor. Now Whitby has an alternative to the two incumbent politi-
cians. If change is to come to Whitby. This may be the ticket to follow.

Oshawa: There seems to be an air of confusion. The three current council members
running for office are running into all kinds of opposition. Tito-Dante keeps running into
question of why he does not return phone calls. What kind of a leader that does not return
phone calls. Derek Giberson, has yet to be seen on the campaign trail. It is as if he is
ghosting this election with no intent to win. Jim Lee, out of the three is the one that
appears to be making more public appearances faced with questions like "WHY SHOULD
WE VOTE FOR YOU AS MAYOR WHEN YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING AS A COUNCIL-
LOR. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR THE CITY?"

In Clarington: So far Clarington appears to be in for a fresh new start as people are look-
ing at Dingwall as their next Mayor. Adrian Foster is under fire for his handling of racial
incidents in his war and is blamed for grandstanding and politicizing every opportunity of
misfortune in his municipality. It is as Foster has given up and realizes that his political
end is near. Rumors have it that there may be a third candidate to jump in the Mayoral
candidacy.

Scugog: The Mayoral race remains the focus point. Tradition versus new age. This is
the battleground. Do people want change or are they happy with the status quo. The
many new faces appearing on the docket seems to indicate that there may be a radical
change coming to Scugog. Deadline for candidacy registration August 21, 2026 .

Over all. We across Durham are in for an election like no other. Normally we have to be
concern over political placed candidates in order to influence grass root political agenda.
This time around we are looking at new challenge to the electoral process and that being
of a multicultural perspectives. Something Canada has never had to endure.
There appears to be a large number of ethnic based candidates attempting to gain
entrance to municipal governance. With the influx of immigrants and new Canadians.
2026 Municipal elections may have new faces, ideas and changes.
The electorate should be educated. Here are some question you may want to ask when
they knock on your door. What do you do for a living? It they in your opinion do not have
the qualification to lead... then why vote for them. Will you be giving up your job to do
this full time? If they say no. You say NO to your vote. Ask, what is your net worth?
If they don't want to reply or reply with a number lower than yours... should they be
entrusted with your million dollar coffers?
If it is an incumbent. Ask, what have you accomplished in your term?
Be wise. Don't be afraid to ask the questions...

Regional Ward 1: (2)
Granville Anderson
Melissa Whitefield
Local Ward 1: (1)
Elhajjeh, Sami
Regional Ward 2: (2)
Granville Anderson
Melissa Whitefield
Local Ward 2: (3)
Aucoin, Chris
Bernard Sanchez
Jason Kay
Regional Ward 3: (2)
Kannan Nair
Kevin Taylor
Local Ward 3: (1)
Mike Mokhtar

Regional Ward 4: (2)
Denise Robinson
Kevin Taylor
Local Ward 4: (2)
Denise Robinson
Andrew McVey
**SCUGOG
REGISTERED
CANDIDATES**

MAYOR: (3)
Wilma Wotten
Michael Coll
Ian McDougall
Regional Ward 1: (3)
Terry Coyne

Patricia Conlin
Wayne Hancock
Ward 1: (2)
David Le Roy
Scott Blachar
Ward 2: (2)
Alisa Cole
Richard Hinton

Ward 3: (1)
Rosario Greco
Ward 4: (2)
Harold Wright
Brad Martyn
Ward 5: (2)
Stephen Kotyck
Janna Guido
Marion Meyers

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