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PICKERING REGISTERED CANDIDATES:

MAYOR: (4)
Kevin ASHE
Lisa ROBINSON
Doug CORNELL
Shaun RICKARD
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: (3)
Marilyn Crawford
Ashmeed Khan
Richard Hinds
Regional Ward 1: (2)
Rob Tyler Morin
Aqsa Asif Malik
Local Ward 1: (6)
Kristy McDonald
Malcolm Andre Barrington
Sadiq Boodoo
Rob Ford
Kelly Miller
Nabeel Ilyas Choudhry
Regional Ward 2: (4)
Asad Ali
Ranjith Paranivasagam
Sterling Lee
Muhammad Asif Malik
Local Ward 2: (6)
Jay Hayles
Nancy Henry
Andras Adaikkalam
Asif Kasim
Azhar Khan

Sajid Dogar
Regional Ward 3: (5)
Angie Papas
Rob Chopowick
Donna Edwards
Errol Massiah
Lynn MacDonald
Local Ward 3: (3)
Lisa Patel
Bosh Bope
Nick Papalambropoulos
WHITBY REGISTERED CANDIDATES
MAYOR: (2)
Leahy, Chris
Roy, Elizabeth
Regional Ward 1: (2)
Mulcahy, Rhonda
MOHHY-UD-DIN IKRAMAH
Local Ward 1: (2)
BROWN, ANASTASIA
LEE, STEVE
Regional Ward 2: (2)
Lewis, Debbie
Newman, Deidre
Local Ward 2: (5)
CARDWELL, MATT
LOPES, LORI
NAEME, YAR.M
TAIT, JUDITH
KOHISTANI, MEHMOOD
Regional Ward 3: (2)
Heckbert, Melissa
LUNDQUIST, NIKI
Local Ward 3: (5)
Templeton, Scott
SANSOM, DAVE
MCCARNEY, LAURA
FREMPONG, AKUAH
BAKER, BOB
Regional Ward 4: (2)
SHAHID, MALEEHA
YAMADA, STEVE
Local Ward 4: (2)
Bozinoski, Victoria
PERDIGAO, WALTER
OSHAWA REGISTERED CANDIDATES
MAYOR: (7)
Tito-Dante Marimpietri
Jim Lee
Henry Onwuachu
Derek Giberson
Michael Coons
Joseph Tomlins
Dave Westlake
Regional Ward 1: (1)
Christopher Biancaniello
Local Ward 1: (5)
Danjeza Dangeli

Olaleye Oluwaolorunlanke
Rosemary McConkey
Abdus Salam Shinwary
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: (3)
Sylvia Lesner
Matthew Schaffer
Roger Bouma
Regional Ward 4: (4)
Rick Kerr
Doug Sanders
Jeff Davis
Jack O'Donnell
Local Ward 4: (4)
Theresa Grant
Jose Morales
Deb Oldfield
Dave Thompson
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
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

TALE OF THE CANDIDATES:

This how we see it at The Central across the Region:
Pickering: Across Pickering it appears that those that serious about running and those that are is clearly being played out. It takes more than just putting your name on the roster. In each candidacy leaders are starting to appear. Keep reading this newspaper to find out some of those ahead of their competitors.

Ajax: In Ajax it looks like Marilyn Crawford is naming herself already the winner. In a recent social media post. She acclaimed she was the mayor of Ajax. Ward candidates are showing some real ambitious. Some knocking on doors and talking to constituents... others are sitting and waiting until September. Not a wise move. Many of these wards have three four candidates running.

Whitby: Has opened the doors for endorsements. This clearly indicating group association to selected endorsements. A race to watch for is in Regional Ward 4. The race of the century between two current council members, Shahid, Maleeha and Yamada, Steve. Some have claimed that both candidates share different political ideologies. This will be a race to keep an eye on. So far little or no campaigning activity has been reported in print or social media.

Oshawa: The crown jewel of Durham. So far new face to politics - Christopher Biancaniello for Regional Ward 1 is holding ground without any opposition. This could be dangerous to a rookie... as Christopher may feel as if he does not really have to campaign.... Until August 21, 2026 when nomination close. This ward is notorious for pulling a last minute incumbent nomination. Another un-challenged ward is Regional Ward 3 held by incumbent Bob Chapman.

In Clarington: Mud is in the air and candidates are taking shots when ever they can and on any platform. Luckily, that social media is dead and the usual 4 likes and 5 coments really do not mount to much. At the Mayoral post. Current Mayor keep attempting to stir the community with a race card. This not only getting emotions high but also bringing to question the Mayor ability to lead.

Scugog: For the Mayors job there are 3 candidates: Wilma Wotten, Michael Coll, Ian McDougall. There had been rumors circulating that current mayor Wotten was thinking of dropping out of the race for un-disclosed reasons. So far there are no official reports of her intentions.

Over all. Constituents have a tough job ahead of them. Who is fit to represent you. Are they running for the right reason? Will they be full time elected official or will they keep their day jobs?
Are they in it for the money and glory... or are they truly worthy of your vote. Empty promises fly across the Region. Budgets in many cases are something of unknown origin as many are running with out of pocket.
Many have no idea on how to raise funds for their campaign and are under the impression that people will just donate.
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?
Be wise. Don't be afraid to ask the questions...

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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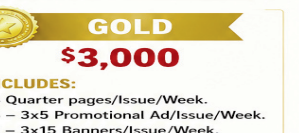
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