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REGISTERED CANDIDATES.
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

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 Paranasivasagam
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

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

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)
Elhajeh, Sami
Regional Ward 2: (2)
Granville Anderson
Melissa Whitefield
Local Ward 2: (3)
Acooin, 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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TALE OF THE CANDIDATES:

This how we see it at The Central across the Region:
Pickering: The battle to note is between incumbent Kevin Ashe and fellow council member Lisa Robinson. To adversaries that have a passionate dislike for each other. On the one hand Ashe and his experienced ability to use policy to dispense discipline and on the other a self acclaimed 'People's councillor'. A tough woman out to set the world right. Robinson resilience has her go without pay for almost 2 years. This turning many voters head to her strong will. This will be an interesting battle as the other contenders have yet to make it in the political spot light. The fact that there are two others it makes it that harder for the incumbent to loose as many votes will be wasted.
Ajax mayoral race for the time being appears to be solidified by incumbent council member Marilyn Crawford. She knows the municipal system and is well liked by constituents. Challenging candidates have an uphill battle. To early to tell.
Whitby, It appears that Chris Leahy is making some serious headway with the electorate. Many that are fed up with current Mayor Roy are looking at Leahy as the new mayor for Whitby. Roy has been noted as being famous for not returning calls and favoring supporters only.
Oshawa, is another major battle ground. Out of the seven running. 3 are fellow council members in what appears to be the attempt to move up the latter, as none of the 3 have any notable accomplishments during their term. Tito-Dante Marimpietri, a careered politician, Jim Lee, a first term councillor with no real accomplishments in his portfolio. Derek Giberson, a two term councillor responsible for the downtown ward. A total failure by the state of the core. According to many downtown. He has failed Oshawa downtown ratepayers. People are afraid to visit the core. Henry Onwuachu, Michael Coons, Joseph Tomlins, Dave Westlake have yet to approached their local newspaper for interviews this making their platforms and intentions unknown. The four challengers have to start moving fast in order to get supporters, endorsements and donors.
In Clarington: It is unfortunate for Adrian Foster. But voters are seeing right through him. From his recent politicizing of a dispute between two citizens over the slaughtering at a hobby farm. To the fact that many citizens including media outlet complain that he does not return phone calls. Tom Dingwall, the other candidate on the roster appears to be gaining huge ground and is the face of change for Clarington. To early to tell.
Scugog: It is a three person race. Wilma Wotten, Michael Coll and Ian McDougall. This out of all municipalities still holds that old democratic essence. It is anyones call. To early to predict.



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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

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

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

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