



**My name is Jerry Kovacs.**

**I am a candidate in the by-election because Rideau-Rockliffe needs strong representation at City Hall.**

**I have lived and worked in Ward 13.**

**I know that the ward is very diverse.**

**The issues and problems facing all the inner city wards are similar.**

**I have spoken to many people during the past few weeks. These are some of the key issues.**

**Ward residents want safe, clean and affordable housing.**

**We need safe streets and vibrant neighborhoods.**

**Public safety and community based policing are important.**

**Modern recreational facilities and safe, clean parks are essential.**

**We need an efficient transportation system that includes clean, safe, affordable buses that run on time and move people safely around the ward.**

**Vision Zero, traffic calming, safe streets for children, the elderly, pedestrians and cyclists are all important.**

**Efficient snow and ice removal so that we can move about safely is crucial. We need to do better to keep our sidewalks and streets clean.**

**Community input and engagement in important decisions is essential.**

**As the new Official Plan is being developed, the community's views are necessary. Secondary and Community Development Plans and heritage districts must be respected.**

**Ward 13 must not become a dumping ground for bad decisions made in adjacent wards.**

**Decisions that create community problems must avoided.**

**Your city councilor needs to work as part of a team with all councilors to ensure that your voices and concerns are well represented on Council and at Committee meetings.**

**I intend to be that Councilor ... one who is approachable, effective and on your side.**

**I will constantly encourage community input by working with community associations, holding public meetings and town halls.**

**I will open a Community Office where people can come to meet me and talk about issues, concerns and problems that need to be solved.**

**I will establish a Ward Advisory Council consisting of community associations and stakeholders that will hold regular meetings because you know what's best for your street and neighborhood.**

**I will contribute 10% of my annual councilor's salary to community projects and activities as my way of giving back to the ward because I believe in public service.**

**My background working in a municipal legal department, local advocate, volunteer and legal experience will all enable me to be a strong advocate for the residents of Ward 13.**

**By actively listening, being available, working with others to find common sense solutions to problems, we will build a vibrant ward that is a great place to work, live and live respectfully with others.**

**As your Councilor I will always be approachable, effective and on your side.**

**I ask for your support on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>.**