

PRESS RELEASE

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OTTAWA. Jerry Kovacs, a candidate in the April 15th Rideau-Rockcliffe by-election, released his April 3rd, letter to the CEO, Chair and Directors of the National Capital Commission regarding his imaginative, creative and innovative proposal for the future development of LeBreton Flats.

The central focus of his proposal, entitled “**Cité Universitaire d’Ottawa**” is building affordable housing. Jerry Kovacs’ proposal also includes athletic and recreational facilities; an Aboriginal Heritage, Culture, Arts and Friendship Centre; Aboriginal “Big House”; Community and outdoor recreation facilities; the LeBreton Flats Performing Arts Centre; and community-oriented facilities and services for the area and benefit of all Ottawa.

*This proposal is all about “**building a vibrant community**”; stressed Mr. Kovacs. “It’s about creating an interesting, creative, imaginative vibrant community in the central core of Ottawa that creates a friendly, liveable, and environmentally-sustainable city that includes everyone in Ottawa”.*

“By building more affordable housing at LeBreton Flats, complemented with a wide range of facilities and services located on the Confederation Light Rail Transit Line, everyone in Ottawa will benefit as the supply of affordable housing and needed services increases, lessening pressure on other Wards”, he said. This proposal will also create thousands of jobs in Ottawa.

Jerry Kovacs’ also suggested that a “FREE LRT” Zone be implemented between St. Laurent Mall (Ward 13) and LeBreton Flats (Ward 14) to move people freely around central Ottawa.

“I’m really excited about my proposal”; said Jerry Kovacs. “I hope it’s the catalyst for discussions on an exciting future for the development of LeBreton Flats that includes affordable housing in Ottawa now, and for many years in the future”.

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