

KEEP THIS CARD

Voting starts on **OCTOBER 15**
& the final day is **OCTOBER 22**

ELECT



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HOW TO VOTE?

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Your Voice for a Better Pickering

My campaign is not about me, but rather about you and your family, and the improvements necessary to enhance your family's life in Pickering. The focus is about the money that remains in your pocket, not what flows into councillor salaries and expenses. We need sensible solutions to the issues in Pickering.

Reducing Property Taxes. As housing has expanded in Pickering over the decades, so have the property taxes! It is the existence of businesses in our community that serve to reduce property taxes, not more sprawl housing. We need to encourage and successfully attract well-paying careers to Pickering's Employment Lands. As well, there are potentially vast numbers of jobs in the agricultural sector. "Agriculture is one of the largest industries in Durham Region," said Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development at the Region of Durham. We have the work force of talented residents, who would benefit from local jobs. Don't be fooled by Pickering's "blended" property tax rate increase, which takes advantage of the school board's zero tax increase, and the very small Durham Region tax increase. My opponent voted against the motion for Amazon to locate their second headquarters and thousands of jobs in Pickering.

Wise spending of Pickering's dollars. I was very successful in business. I know the value of money, and respect other people's property tax dollars. We must get better value for our money. I have continuously voted against raising your property taxes for 3 of the 4 years, in which I have been a Pickering Regional Councillor. Of course, we need to spend money to improve the road conditions, programs and facilities for residents. We should not waste money, nor spend more than we have, otherwise, property taxes must be increased! My opponent has continually voted to raise your property taxes. As well, excessive salaries and expenses of councillors need to be reduced. Residents work hard for their money. I will bring forward motions to dramatically cut wasteful spending. You should not have to pay the alcohol expenses of councillors, which my opponent voted to allow as an expense! My expenses were the lowest of all by far.

Accountability to the residents. We need councillors who will listen to residents and not ignore their needs. Councillors should be elected to serve the residents. They are not elected to ignore the demands of the citizens of Pickering. This is a prime reason why we need [Term Limits](#) on Council, and a [Recall](#) method to remove a councillor who goes against residents expressed concerns. Being on council should not be a permanent position. Incumbents have all kinds of advantages in becoming re-elected. This goes against fair democratic principles. My opponent has tried to limit the ability of new candidates who run against the existing members of council. You don't need lots of photos from candidates, who boast about themselves. Have they actually knocked at your door to have a conversation with you?

Community Engagement. I want to have regular meetings with residents to discuss issues and concerns, and get full input regarding all matters, before they come to Council for a vote. I was the person who originated a huge presentation of information for residents, entitled [Empowering You](#), which explained all kinds of information about Pickering and Durham to better inform and engage residents. My opponent voted to appoint someone to council instead of supporting residents who demanded a by-election, and he considered no plan for any kind of proper appointment system, and instead appointed a person, who had no experience, not even at a budget meeting.

Environmental Protection I have been working hard for years to protect our precious, valuable and disappearing sensitive environmental lands.

PLEASE VOTE RODRIGUES FOR CHANGE