

Karygiannis Running for Councillor, Ward 39, Scarborough-Agincourt

TORONTO – Jim Karygiannis, former Member of Parliament for Scarborough-Agincourt, today announced he is running for Councillor, Ward 39, Scarborough-Agincourt, in the 2014 Municipal Election.

“I have registered to run for Councillor in Ward 39, Scarborough-Agincourt.” said Mr. Karygiannis. “As the Member of Parliament, I had the opportunity to work on local, national and international issues. Now I want to focus on the local issues that I have worked on with my constituents over the years.”

Mr. Karygiannis resigned his seat in the House of Commons this week saying he felt it was time for a change.

“After twenty five years, it was time to make changes and do new things. My mother is almost 85 and I want to be closer to my family and be home every night after work.” Mr. Karygiannis commented.

His priorities for Ward 39 include:

- Ensuring that Scarborough Grace Hospital will remain open and function as a full-service, community hospital;
- Continuing to work with residents, to make sure the re-development of the Bridlewood Mall enhances the quality of life in the area;
- Securing increased Settlement Services for New Immigrants to look after the needs of newcomers;
- Making sure that our neighborhoods are a safe place in which to live and raise our children; and,
- Upgrading our public transit and bringing the subway to Scarborough along Sheppard Avenue.

Mr. Karygiannis has been an effective federal voice for the people of Scarborough-Agincourt and has a proven record of public service.

“I bring political experience and will continue to work, with other levels of government, to make sure that I deliver programs that meet the needs of the residents of Ward 39, Scarborough-Agincourt.” Mr. Karygiannis stated. “I have good working relationships with the federal and provincial government and elected officials. I want to cut red tape and make sure that both the City of Toronto and the residents of Ward 39 get what they need and deserve for a better quality of life.”

Mr. Karygiannis is a long-time resident of Ward 39 and looks forward to continue serving his neighbours.

“There are seven months of campaigning ahead of us and it is important that we discuss the issues and listen to the needs of the people of Toronto, the best City in the world.” concluded Mr. Karygiannis.

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