



## HELP ME COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

Over the last couple of months, Davenport residents have made it clear to me that they would like to be better informed about what I am working on in Ottawa and what legislation and issues the federal government is working on.

**I need your help to keep in touch with you.** Of the 108,000 Davenport residents, I only have contact numbers for 20% of the riding and email addresses for 7%.

Unless Davenport residents are reviewing quarterly householders delivered to every door in Davenport four times a year (such as this one), following me on social media, and/or have provided me with an email address or a phone number, it is hard for me to keep you informed.

If you would like to be kept up to date, please consider the following:

- Like my Facebook page (@juliedzerowicz) and follow me on Instagram and Twitter (@juliedzerowicz)
- Send me your preferred email address and/or phone number – by email to julie.dzerowicz@parl.gc.ca – and let me know you want to be added to my communications list, as well as what federal issues are of interest to you
- You can also sign up on my website (juliedzerowicz.ca) directly by clicking the ‘Get Email Updates’ tab
- Fill out the form below, place in an envelope, and mail it to my Ottawa office (no postage required)

My office will only use your information for two purposes:

1. To inform you of my work on behalf of Davenport, what issues the federal government is tackling, and legislation we are introducing;
2. To invite you to upcoming events, consultations and town halls.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for keeping in touch with me!

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# WORKING HARD FOR OUR COMMUNITY

2019 YEAR END REPORT



Celebrating LiUNA Local 506 100th anniversary with Carmen Principato



Proud to attend the 13th Annual "10 Most Influential Hispanic Canadian" Awards



With Councillor Ana Bailão, Mayor John Tory, and MP Arif Virani at Prospect Cemetery, Sunrise Remembrance Day Ceremony



At Casa dos Poveiros Saõ Martinho celebration with Mario Gomes and Dario Amaral



With local artists at Mayor Tory's Evening for the Arts



Having fun at the Annual Clay & Paper Theatre's Night of Dread at Dufferin Grove Park



At the unveiling of Antonio Lopes Lane



Joined Turkey's new Consul General to Toronto, Sinam Mingan, at the Turkish Independence Day flag-raising at Queen's Park



At the McCormick Park Arena's opening for the 2019-2020 winter season



The Bhayana Foundation award recipients from Davenport are Diana Grimaldos from Working Women Community Centre, Maryamm Himid from Sistering & the entire team from COSTI



St. Clair was lit up with festive joy at the St. Clair Gardens BIA's Cavalcade of Lights at Don Panos Parkette



Joined the Portuguese community for the 38th Anniversary of Grupo Folclórico Transmontano of Toronto - with Ana Costa



Enjoying the San Martino celebrations with the Italian community at Tre Mari, with good food & great company



Annual Regal Heights Residents Association and Northcliffe Residents Association Pumpkin Carving at Santa Chiara Parkette



## JULIE DZEROWICZ MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT DAVENPORT



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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, JULIE DZEROWICZ

Heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Davenport for re-electing me and giving me the honour to once again serve as your Member of Parliament. It was a pleasure to speak to so many of you at the doors during the campaign.

Overwhelmingly, the top two issues raised were 1) urgent and aggressive action on climate change and 2) addressing affordability issues with particular concern around housing. Davenport residents want to know that they will be able to afford to live in Toronto moving forward.

There was a lot of misinformation distributed during the federal election, including that the federal government has done nothing to address Canada's housing issues and climate change. This householder outlines all the steps already taken and our plans moving forward on these two issues.

Over the last four years the federal government has built a very strong relationship with the City of Toronto. We have made historic investments in transit, infrastructure, and housing, and we have worked closely to address issues such as gun violence.

In the 2019 election, 25 Liberal Members of Parliament were elected in Toronto at a time when the city is and has been under attack by the Ontario Ford government. This ensures that Toronto will continue to have a powerful voice in Ottawa and will ensure action on the issues facing the city.

In electing a minority government, Canadians have overwhelmingly voted to have our national leaders and parties work together to address issues affecting Canadians and to chart a course for the future of our country. I am ready to work across party lines to ensure a better future for Davenport residents and all Canadians.

Finally, many Davenport residents did not know about my achievements for the riding or about the many accomplishments of the federal Liberal government over the last four years. Kindly take the time to follow me on Facebook or Instagram and/or provide a phone number or email address that will allow me to keep you up to date (see inside flap for details). Beyond these householders (delivered to your door 4 times a year), the only way for me to connect with you and update you is via social media or if you provide another way for me to contact you. I look forward to connecting with you soon. In the meantime, I am wishing all a healthy, happy and prosperous 2020!

My best,

Julie Dzerowicz  
Member of Parliament | Davenport

When the House of Commons is in session, I have to be in Ottawa from first thing Monday morning to Thursday evening, returning to Toronto on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for local events and to meet with constituents.

While I am in Ottawa, I have an amazing team at my Toronto community office ready to serve you.

Our team, from left to right:  
Nasser Haidar, Alex Keys, Monica Bento,  
MP Julie Dzerowicz, Vanessa Pukal, and Paul de Freitas



# FIGHTING AND PREPARING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Concern about climate change was one of the top two issues raised at the doors by Davenport residents during the recent federal election.

Over the last four years, addressing climate change, committing to a plan that will move Canada to a low-carbon future, and achieving our Paris Accord targets have been top priorities for the federal government. We have made significant and transformational progress in tackling climate change, with over 50 climate actions in place and a commitment of \$63 billion. We have done more to fight climate change than any previous government in Canada's history, but we know we have so much more to do.

Here is a recap of what has been done:

In December 2015, the federal Liberal government signed onto the Paris Accord Agreement – to significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

In early 2016 we signed the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change with all but one of the provinces and territories to work together to meet our Paris Accord targets and move to a low-carbon economy.

## Trans Mountain Pipeline & More Climate Action

Canada bought an existing pipeline built in 1953 called the Trans Mountain pipeline. Our plan is to build a second pipeline right next to it to get maximum value for our resources (i.e. allow us to sell more to Asian markets and away from the US market) while Canada is moving to a low-carbon future. All of the emissions have already been accounted for in our Paris Accord targets plan, and includes Alberta's legislated hard cap on oil sands emissions. There are 156 conditions that need to be met to ensure the pipeline is built according to best practices and top environmental standards, and to ensure the sharing of benefits to local communities along the pipeline.

**Why a pipeline?** We need to transition to a low-carbon economy. This will take time and while we are doing so, we need to get maximum value for the resources we do produce.

The energy sector employs 819,500 people in Canada, with 20% of these jobs in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Five Canadian provinces or territories still depend on fossil fuels for about 60-100% of their electricity generation.

To help workers, towns, and cities transition, we are introducing a **Just Transition Act** to ensure workers in affected sectors have access to the training, support, and new opportunities needed to succeed in the clean economy.

We are investing more in clean tech and clean energy. Canada currently invests \$862 million on renewable and clean energy.

**More aggressive action moving forward:** During the 2019 federal election, we committed to even more aggressive and urgent actions in our plan to tackle climate change, transition to a low-carbon future, and to help Canadians adapt to a dramatically changing world.

Our plan includes the following concrete steps and actions:

- We have put a price on pollution;
- We are accelerating the phase out of coal-fired electricity with a goal to eliminate all coal-fired plants by 2030;
- Work is underway to introduce a Clean Fuel Standard by 2022. This will help non-electric cars to pollute less as we transition to a low-carbon future;
- We are cutting methane emissions by 40-45% by 2025;
- We have made historic investments in clean technology and in creating green jobs;
- We have made unprecedented investments in public transit and are providing incentives to purchase zero-emission vehicles;
- We doubled the amount of protected nature in Canada's lands and oceans;
- We will ban single-use plastics beginning 2021. We have a comprehensive plan for more extended producer responsibility and to move to a circular economy for plastics. For more information please visit my website and look for the **Canada-Wide Action Plan on Zero Plastic Waste**;
- We created a \$2 billion Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, which is key to investing in our sewage and water systems to reduce/eliminate flooding of basements and houses; and
- We are investing in research and development of new technologies that help reduce emissions.

For a more complete list, please visit my website and look for the document titled **50+ Climate Actions**.

We have committed to the following key promises:

- To achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 (thereby increasing our 2030 emissions reductions goal);
- Protect 25% of Canada's land and 25% of Canada's oceans by 2025, working toward 30% in each by 2030;
- Plant two billion trees over 10 years;
- Free energy audits and interest-free loans up to \$40,000 for 1.5 million Canadian homes to be retrofitted to increase energy efficiency;
- Flood mapping across Canada and setting up an insurance program to protect our homes; and
- More money for clean technology and for the Disaster Mitigation Fund.

For a full list of our commitments please see pages 32-36 of the Liberal Platform: [2019.liberal.ca/our-platform](http://2019.liberal.ca/our-platform)

Finally, there are a few things that I will be advocating for, including:

- Closing the 79 million megaton gap in our plan to meet Canada's Paris Accord targets;
- Faster elimination of fossil fuel subsidies; and
- Looking for systemic changes that we need to consider to more successfully transition to a low-carbon future.

# MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE

## SENIORS

We have the most active and amazing seniors in Davenport. They are engaged and are not shy to let me know what they are concerned about. Our federal Liberal government has demonstrated our commitment to seniors through many actions and investments.

We reaffirmed our government's commitment to support our seniors by appointing a Minister of Seniors. We changed the age of eligibility for Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) from 67 back to 65. We are increasing the earnings exemption for GIS from \$3,500 to \$5,000, so that seniors across the country who choose to work can keep more of their hard-earned income. We increased the GIS top-up by up to \$947 - lifting 57,000 vulnerable seniors out of poverty.

Since first elected in 2015, we've created more than 12,000 new housing units for seniors. We have been supporting community programs that help seniors stay active and involved in their community through the New Horizons for Seniors Program, and increased existing seniors funding by \$100 million over 5 years. To date, 3,700 community-based projects and 50 Pan-Canadian projects have been approved, including many here in Davenport.

We are supporting those who need to take care of close relatives (i.e. parent or grandparent) with a physical or mental impairment with the new Caregiver Credit and Employment Insurance caregiver benefits. We're investing \$50 million to implement Canada's first-ever National Dementia Strategy to continue supporting those living with dementia, and their caregivers. We are helping Canadians access better home care & mental health care with \$11 billion in targeted funding over 10 years - almost \$4 billion in Ontario alone.

The federal Liberal government knows that we have to do more to make life more affordable for seniors, and our plan in this minority government is to introduce a number of new measures, including the following:

- Eliminate all federal taxes on the first \$15,000 of earnings;
- Increase the Old Age Security benefit by 10 per cent for seniors when they turn 75 (and will continue to raise it along with inflation); and
- Increase the Canada Pension Plan by 25 per cent for all widowers. This increase, worth up to \$2,080 in additional benefits every year, will give more than 1.2 million seniors more money and greater peace of mind at a time when they need it most.

We will keep on listening and doing all we can to support our seniors to stay active, healthy, and happy!



Announcing New Horizons for Seniors Funding for organisations in Davenport

## PHARMACARE

The federal Liberal government is moving forward with National Pharmacare. Three crucial steps are needed for full implementation, and we are well on our way to accomplishing the first two.

First, in cooperation with the provinces and territories, we are creating a national drug formulary to identify approximately 4,400 drugs that will be covered by a National Pharmacare program. Second, we have established the Canadian Drug Agency. This agency has been funded and has begun negotiating the prices for medications that are being selected for coverage. Our final step, which we have not yet begun, is to negotiate the delivery of National Pharmacare with each of the provinces and territories. This negotiation will be done to ensure that all regional considerations are taken into account in the National Pharmacare plan, which will ultimately be delivered by the provinces and territories.

## HOUSING

Housing affordability is another top concern that I hear about in Davenport. Since taking office in 2015, our federal Liberal government has made unprecedented investments (over \$7 billion) in housing, helping more than 1 million Canadians find safe, affordable, and accessible places to call home.

We passed Bill C-97 to enact the National Housing Strategy Act which recognizes adequate housing as a *fundamental human right*. Over the next decade, through the National Housing Strategy, more than \$55 billion will be invested in Canada's housing sector. The National Housing Strategy sets four key ambitious targets over 10 years, including: cutting chronic homelessness by 50%, removing 530,000 families from housing need, renovating and modernizing 300,000 homes, and building 125,000 new homes.

We're also renewing and strengthening federal government funding for community, public, and social housing, including co-ops and non-profit housing providers. All co-ops in Davenport with federal operating agreements in need of a renewal had them renewed – including Primrose, Perth, and Wood Tree – providing stability for those who live in co-ops in our community.

We must also ensure that the existing affordable housing remains safe, comfortable, energy efficient, and in good condition. Our federal government committed \$1.3 billion directly to the City of Toronto to support the renovation of more than 58,000 affordable Toronto Community Housing units. Right here in Davenport, we have received \$7,856,243 in federal project funding for 844 units, and \$930,134 to subsidize 640 households.

There is so much more to do, but know that affordable housing and housing affordability is a priority for the federal Liberal government, and we will continue to take aggressive and urgent steps to ensure that all Canadians have a safe and affordable place to live.

# KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

Community safety and tackling gun violence is a priority for me and for our federal Liberal government. I am a strong advocate for a handgun ban in Toronto.

## How did we get here?

The Harper Conservatives cut nearly \$1 billion from the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the RCMP's budget, denying them the necessary tools and resources needed to combat organized crime. This contributed to the increase of illegal firearms in Canada.

The federal Liberal government has restored funding, and over the last three years, has been working hard to get guns off our streets, tackle gun violence, and address the root causes.

## What have we done and what are we planning to do?

- We committed \$86 million to the CBSA to stop guns from coming into Canada;
- We've made a commitment to ban and introduce a buy-back program for military-style assault rifles;
- We've invested millions already and have committed an additional \$200 million for community-level prevention and enforcement (over five years), giving money directly to cities so police departments can tackle gun and gang violence in their own communities. In Toronto, some of this money will be used for a targeted approach to tackle violence in over 30 key areas;
- We are working with provinces and municipalities to ban handguns; and
- We will also work to expand successful diversion programs to keep at-risk youth out of the criminal justice system.

## TORONTO HAS A STRONG VOICE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Kindly visit my website to learn why having 25 Liberal MPs is a strength for Davenport residents and for Toronto. I outline what we have achieved over the last four years and some of our priorities moving forward.



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## Addressing the root-causes of gun violence

- We have introduced the Canada Child Benefit, which has lifted over 800,000 Canadians out of poverty, including 325,000 children. The CCB has benefitted many single parent families and is scaled to benefit those on the lower end of the income scale with kids under the age of six;
- We have introduced a National Housing Strategy, which will see an investment of over \$55 billion in Canada's Housing sector. Over \$7 billion has already been invested since 2015, with \$1.3 billion given directly to Toronto Community Housing (TCH) to ensure that these homes continue to be healthy, safe homes for families, and all federal co-op operating agreements have been renewed by the federal government;
- Introduced the Canada Workers Benefit, a tax benefit that put more money in the pockets of low-income Canadians;
- Doubled the number of Canada Summer Jobs to ensure more youth have access to jobs during the summer and can gain work experience; and
- Introduced a \$45 million Anti-Racism Strategy to combat racism and discrimination in our society.

We have more to do and will not stop until communities across Canada are safe. To see what we have promised in our platform, please see pages 38-41 of the Liberal Platform.