

“Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.” — Jane Jacobs

Dear Friends;

Imagine a city where cooperation and compassion unite residents; a city where government was innovative and cost-effective; a city where development was creative and respectful.

This is my vision for the City of Kingston. A city I have intentionally invested in for the last 3 years. It is the city I call home and the city I want to lead.

That’s why last Friday I announced my intention to run for mayor.

In less than a week, with the help of my campaign team, I have launched a website, had excellent media coverage, and spoke publicly about my vision.

I want to share this vision with every resident of Kingston; but I need you to invest in my campaign in order to do so. I have a goal to raise \$35,000 by Friday, September 12th, 2014 - my official campaign launch and also my 35th birthday!

Sound like a lot? Think of it like this, if everyone who receives this message bought me a medium Tim Horton’s coffee each day for the duration of the campaign (which is only 10 weeks away) we would be covered!

While my leadership experience spans residence life, student government, volunteerism, and other political avenues, here’s a bit of my background since returning to Kingston in 2011:

I involved myself with City Council by sitting on an influential council committee and speaking at many city debates and events. I wrote to the paper. I presented at public meetings. I helped on various local campaigns.

I was, and remain, deeply concerned with the tone set on Council - particularly the apparent lack of thoughtful decision making. This feeling is shared by many. With this realization and this support I became more deliberate and I started to ask how to best invest my talents and time. I declined suggestions to run for provincial politics, because I felt that I could contribute to and make a greater impact in municipal politics.

I continued to work with many excellent organizations to promote health and well-being for all residents, challenge discourse, and express alternative ways to govern. And with the

encouragement and backing of some amazing people, on Friday, August 15th, I said it's time to get to work and officially share my vision for the city. A city we can build together.

Yes, I believe that I can lead Kingston to be *the* place where creativity meets industry; where innovation honours history; where modern infrastructure lessens environmental burdens; where resident collaborate with each other and with their representatives to spur thoughtful forward-looking policy and caring present-day action.

I am so grateful for Kingston for so many reasons. We have the history, geography, topography, and most importantly demography - the people - to make our city more cooperative, more creative, and more caring. A city that's better for all.

So please, join me as I share my vision for this city and donate to our campaign.

Your friend,



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