

# PLATFORM OF COMMUNITY DEMANDS

*Our City, Our Rights!  
Let's make our voices heard!*

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**On November 2, municipal elections will be held in Montréal. Now is the time to make the voices of often marginalized individuals and groups heard.**

**Together, let's call on candidates and parties to make a firm commitment to social justice.**

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# THE RIGHT TO HOUSING

## *Because*

Rent prices have skyrocketed, forcing many tenants to spend up to 80% of their income on housing.

63% of households are renters, and the majority of women live in rental housing.

Emergency housing resources are overwhelmed, especially those for women.

There is a substantial shortage of accessible, safe, and adequate housing.

## *We want*

An increase of at least 20% in new social housing, with at least 25% dedicated to households headed by women.

Land and buildings to be acquired and set aside for social housing.

A prohibition on condo conversions, expansion projects, property subdivisions, changes in use of rooming houses, and Airbnb-style short-term rentals.

Strengthened and coercive enforcement of health and safety regulations and more inspections.

Resources for senior tenants, including private seniors' residences (RPA) that are better protected and more respectful.

Funding to maintain existing housing.

Funding to make existing housing accessible and adapted.

# *IDEAS OF QUESTIONS TO ASK THE PARTIES*

In what ways is your administration committed to protecting tenants and improving access to social and affordable housing?

Are you committed to reserving sites for the construction of social housing?

# THE RIGHT TO EQUALITY

## *Because*

High public transportation fares deter people living in poverty and precarious conditions from traveling, limiting their access to essential services, hindering the exercise of their rights, and reinforcing social isolation.

The lack of universal accessibility to public transportation and pedestrian infrastructure excludes and isolates people with disabilities or mobility challenges.

The unequal allocation of public roads in favor of automobiles compromises the health and safety of public transit users, pedestrians, cyclists, and the broader community.

Street harassment forces many women, people of color, and people of diverse sexual and gender identities to limit their movements and restrict their use of public space.

## *We want*

A fare freeze and an income-based social pricing system, with a long-term plan to make public transportation free.

Universal accessibility in transportation, pedestrian infrastructure, and all existing and future public spaces and facilities.

The development of a fully public transportation network.

A more equitable sharing of public space in favor of public and active transportation.

A plan to combat street harassment and violence in public spaces, particularly sexist, racist, homophobic, and transphobic harassment.



# *IDEAS OF QUESTIONS TO ASK THE PARTIES*

Is your administration committed to introducing income-based pricing for public transportation?

Will you implement a policy of universal accessibility to public transportation and public infrastructure?

Will you continue to develop public and active transportation, in particular by reducing the space dedicated to cars?

Do you intend to take action to counter street harassment and sexist, racist, homophobic, and transphobic violence?

# THE RIGHT TO EQUALITY

## *Because*

Individuals facing multiple forms of discrimination — such as single parents, people with disabilities, immigrants, racialized individuals, seniors, Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, those who are illiterate, and people experiencing homelessness — are disproportionately affected by poverty.

Systemic racism and discrimination restrict access to jobs and housing, hinder participation in democratic processes, and contribute to increased profiling.

The rise of hate speech in public spaces intensifies the sense of insecurity and instability felt by those living at the intersection of multiple forms of oppression.

## *We want*

The implementation of recommendations addressing systemic racism stemming from the 2020 public consultation on the issue.

A plan to prevent and address violence against women and gender-diverse individuals.

A comprehensive plan that tackles the social determinants of homelessness, including access to housing, poverty reduction, protection of citizenship rights, and non-discriminatory access to healthcare.

An end to immigration status checks and street stops by police.

Equitable representation and inclusion of marginalized groups — including Indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, and racialized and minority communities — in municipal policies, decision-making processes, services, and employment.

The removal of references to sex or gender from city documents.



# *IDEAS OF QUESTIONS TO ASK THE PARTIES*

Will you implement a plan to combat violence against women and gender-diverse individuals?

Is your administration committed to addressing the social causes of homelessness?

Do you intend to put an end to immigration status checks and police street checks conducted by the SPVM?

# THE RIGHT TO THE CITY (PUBLIC SPACE)

## *Because*

In response to social issues, repression has increased since the pandemic, to the detriment of a community-based approach.

Encampments are being dismantled without suitable and safe alternatives.

Profiling and repression target marginalized people, especially Indigenous individuals and those experiencing homelessness.

Public spaces are designed in a hostile and unsuitable manner.

Gentrification is pushing residents and community organizations out of their neighborhoods.

## *We want*

Less funding for the SPVM, and more for social and community services.

The abolition of regulations and police street checks that reinforce profiling.

An end to the STM's anti-loitering directive.

A moratorium on dismantling encampments without solutions.

Accessible neighborhoods equipped with diverse, free or affordable services, activities, and businesses that are inclusive and meet the needs of residents (e.g., community centers, schools, daycare centers, libraries, recreational facilities, jobs, parks, urban agriculture, public furniture).

# *IDEAS OF QUESTIONS TO ASK THE PARTIES*

Will you abolish municipal regulations that lead to profiling, such as anti-loitering rules and police street checks?

Do you plan to prioritize solutions proposed by community groups over those of the SPVM?

Do you plan to impose a moratorium on the dismantling of encampments?

# THE RIGHT TO DEMOCRATIC LIFE

## *Because*

Too many people are excluded from decisions that affect them, notably due to consultations that are inaccessible and poorly adapted (locations, procedures, schedules, and communications).

The increasing reliance on digital platforms and communications, without human alternatives, excludes many people from democratic processes.

Community groups understand the realities of marginalized individuals because of their close connections, making them essential players in the development of fair municipal policies.

## *We want*

Consultations that are truly accessible in terms of both information and participation (locations, schedules, formats, daycare services, prioritization of citizen concerns, and consultations with community groups).

Consultation conditions and timelines that respect the democratic processes of community groups.

The implementation of Montreal's Policy for Community Action.

Support for digital literacy (equipment loans, guidance, computer courses).

The permanent establishment of the Montreal Public Consultation Office (OCPM) and follow-up on recommendations resulting from consultations.



# *IDEAS OF QUESTIONS TO ASK THE PARTIES*

What concrete measures will you implement to ensure participation and universal accessibility for people who are generally excluded from decision-making and consultation processes?

Do you plan to adapt your approaches to the realities of community groups (timelines, democratic processes) and enforce Montreal's Policy for Community Action?

Will you make the role of the Montreal Public Consultation Office (OCPM) permanent and ensure follow-up on the recommendations from consultations?

# THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

## *Because*

Climate crises are eroding our living environments. They worsen weather events, destroy ecosystems, and weaken our living conditions.

The impacts of climate crises hit marginalized people hardest, especially those with low incomes, racialized communities, or disabilities.

Disadvantaged neighborhoods have more heat islands, fewer green or sanitary spaces, and host large polluting industries.

Those affected by climate crises bear the greatest costs—whether in terms of quality of life, destruction of property, or lack of services.

## *We want*

Major polluters to be held accountable and contribute to repairing the effects of the climate crisis.

The reduction of heat islands through the increase of accessible green and natural spaces and the protection of existing ones.

Human-scale neighborhoods that meet the needs of the population, designed for people—not just for cars.

Municipal sanitary facilities (toilets, showers, water points, air-conditioned spaces) that are accessible and free at all times throughout Montreal.



# *IDEAS OF QUESTIONS TO ASK THE PARTIES*

What actions will you take to reduce the inequalities linked to the climate crisis?

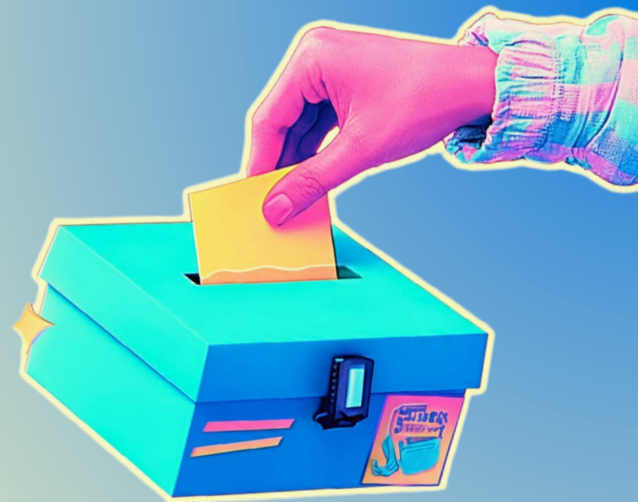
What measures will you implement to create human-scale neighborhoods designed for pedestrians and people with reduced mobility, rather than solely for cars?

Do you guarantee free and universal access to municipal facilities?

*Speak up!*

Share your concerns.  
Ask these questions to the candidates.

Our city must reflect the rights  
and needs of everyone!



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