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Sent: September 19, 2018 3:25 PM
To: 'Heather Pope'
Subject: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election - Jarrod Goldsmith, Orléans Ward 1

Hello Heather,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide some comments.

Currently there are dementia support strategies within the City of Ottawa's Long term care homes i.e., Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO), mandatory staff training in abuse / aggression and gentle persuasion approaches to care that support individualized care planning to guide staff in approaching potentially aggressive people with dementia. I support further efforts in these directions as they aim at de-escalating and preventing potentially violent behaviours in our long term care homes but unfortunately, they often do not address the unique needs of those with dementia involved with the criminal justice system.

Both the justice and health care systems are currently failing these people who may hold no accountability for their actions. Alternatively, regardless of culpability, the victims of these acts deserve to live / work in a safe and secure environment.

If elected, I will work with the Dementia Justice Society of Canada and other stakeholders in developing solutions / removing barriers that expedite the capacity assessment process used to determine the level of culpability for those with dementia who have committed violent acts. In addition, I would also seek a more dignified and appropriate living arrangement for those with dementia awaiting capacity / culpability assessments who cannot return to the Long Term Care home or community yet should not be detained within the criminal justice system.

I applaud your commitment to advancing the rights of those in our community who are at risk and experiencing this situation.

Sincerely,
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From: Heather Pope [mailto:dementiajustice@outlook.com]
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Subject: Dementia and Criminal Justice - Ottawa Municipal Election

Dear Candidate:

On behalf of the Dementia Justice Society of Canada, I am writing to ask a campaign question: “If elected, how will you work to improve the lives of people with dementia who live in a municipal long-term care home and become involved with the criminal justice system (e.g., are violent toward staff or another resident and are charged with assault)?

Dementia Justice is a federally-incorporated non-profit society dedicated to advancing the rights, needs and dignity of people with dementia who are, or are at risk of becoming, involved with the criminal justice system. We strive to achieve our objectives through public advocacy, awareness-raising, education, and interdisciplinary legal and policy research.

Our current volunteer advisory board members are:

- Nicole Dalmer, PhD candidate, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, University of Western Ontario;
- Professor Margaret Isabel Hall, Faculty of Law, Thompson Rivers University;
- Barbara Lindsay, Director of Advocacy and Education & Marketing and Communications, Alzheimer Society of British Columbia;
- Helene Love, doctoral candidate, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto;
- Aileen McGinty, Crown Attorney, Mental Health Court and Court Monitored Drug Treatment Program, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; and
- Daina Stanley, PhD candidate, Medical Anthropology, McMaster University.

For your reference, several of our advocacy materials are posted on our website, including our 2017 [submission](#) to the federal Department of Justice in response to its transforming the criminal justice system initiative.

Kindly note that we intend to post your response on our website for voters to read.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes with your campaign.

Sincerely,

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