#### **BE AN INFORMED VOTER**

## VOTING IS IMPORTANT. INFORMING YOUR VOTE IS CRUCIAL.

Reading up and knowing where candidates stand on a variety of issues can help ensure your vote aligns with your values.

It also means you'll be equipped to hold elected officials accountable as they represent your voice in the House of Commons, and Canadian voices on the world stage.

Getting educated about the voting process, the candidates running and the issues at stake can be time-consuming, but it is worth it. Take comfort in knowing any new information you learn is a step towards a more informed vote... and that's great!

## TIP 1: Know who's running

Visit ELECTIONS CANADA to find out what riding you live in and which candidates are running.

### **TIP 2:** Review the parties' commitments. Our <u>Guide to the Election</u> can help.

Visit the parties' websites and social media to see what commitments they are making and latest platform announcements. Then read up on <u>OUR RECOMMENDATIONS</u> and decide for yourself how the parties stack up.

## TIP 3: Vote with everyone's best interest in mind

Being an informed voter can also mean thinking of the bigger picture. Listen to the perspectives of underrepresented and marginalized communities. Follow groups on social media bringing the voices of people living in poverty, women of colour, young people, LGBTQI+, Indigenous, and other marginalized communities to the forefront and listen to those voices while you inform your opinion and decide who to cast your vote for.

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