

## Seniors Services Election Questions

### Seniors Community of Practice, BC Association of Social Workers (BCASW)

#### Introduction

The members and participants of the BCASW Seniors Community of Practice come from a diverse group of social work professionals who work with seniors and their families in a wide range of roles. Some of us provide health care and residential care services to seniors, while others work in the community, in private practice, and in roles where we ensure that seniors' rights and assets are protected.

The work we do, individually and collectively, provides us with the unique perspective to identify current and emerging issues that are important to seniors and family members, and other stakeholders who work with and support older adults in B.C.

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**Numerous public reports have been issued that speaks to issues related to the quality of life and dignity of seniors in B.C. This includes concerns about increasing rates of seniors' poverty, growing seniors housing insecurity and homelessness, difficulty in accessing community home care and other supports that enable older adults to age in their own homes and communities.**

**Question:** What is your political party's platform related to strengthening and improving social policy, planning, community, housing and health care resources that contribute to the quality of life and dignity for seniors in B.C.?

**Question:** If your party forms a majority, will your party create a leadership position, such as a Minister of State for Seniors, whose role and responsibility is to work with seniors, their families, the health care and community sector, unions, and other stakeholders on strengthening and improving the system of care and support for seniors and their families?

**Question:** If your party forms government, how will you engage a broad range of seniors, their family members, seniors groups, community professionals working with seniors, and other stakeholders in developing and improving local and community services and supports so that they work more effectively for seniors, and their families?

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