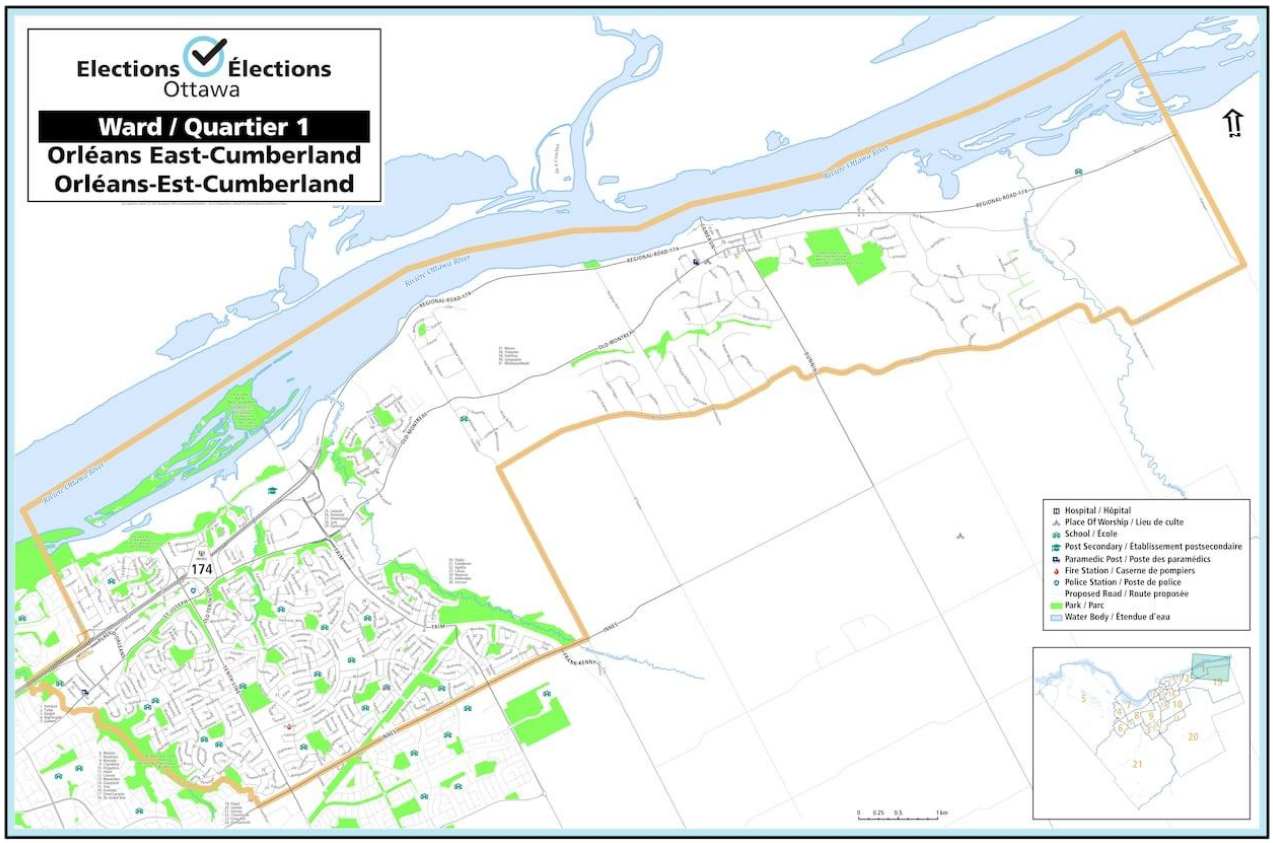
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Orléans East-Cumberland



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1) ***What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and the violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?***

Reversing the trend of antisemitism requires more than statements of support from our elected leaders. For Jewish residents to feel represented, supported and included in the civic life of our city, it will require action, accountability and commitment at City Hall to ensure that members of the Jewish community can live safely and openly in Ottawa.

2) ***Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?***

Legislative measures specifically aimed at addressing hate-motivated conduct on public property, investments in community security initiatives and ongoing coordination with police services are steps that can be taken by the City to strengthen public safety for Jewish families in our communities.

3) ***Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism? Please share how you will accomplish this.***

I am looking forward to working together with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to promote a more consistent approach across municipal agencies and civic institutions in identifying, preventing and responding to antisemitism. Sharing best practices, facilitating access to guidance and training across institutions and supporting community engagement to inform policy and program development are actions we can take to educate and support accountability.

4) ***Since October 7, hostility toward Israel and Zionism has increasingly affected Jewish residents here at home, including efforts to exclude or marginalize Jews based on their real or perceived connection to Israel. Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?***

I support an ongoing collaboration between municipal, provincial and federal jurisdictions of government in response to the rise of antisemitism, to strengthen public safety, social cohesion and trust in our public institutions. Intimidation, hostility, support for terrorism and threats to public safety have no place in Ottawa.



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PUBLIC RECORD HIGHLIGHTS

Previous Federation survey (2022): In the Federation's 2022 questionnaire Luloff recorded his support for the IHRA definition of antisemitism, and stated, “Antisemitism is disgusting and must be addressed.”
Bubble bylaw vote (2026): Luloff voted in favour of the April 22, 2026 Council motion approving the Safe Access to Social Infrastructure By-law.
During debate on that bill, Luloff stated, “What is not appropriate is targeting children. What is not appropriate is harassing seniors.”
Hate Has No Place (2024) Signatory to the “Hate Has No Place” open letter raising awareness of antisemitism in Ottawa

1) ***What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and the violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?***

Jewish people have the right to live safely and openly in every community, including here in Ottawa. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. The City has a responsibility to take antisemitism seriously, listen to Jewish residents and community organizations, and ensure municipal staff and institutions know how to recognize and respond to it. The City can support education, strengthen relationships with community partners, and work with Ottawa Police and other agencies when there are credible threats or acts of hate. People must be free to debate international issues, but threats, harassment and antisemitism have no place in our community.

2) ***Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?***

I condemn in the strongest terms the vicious terrorist attacks of October 7. The murder and kidnapping of innocent people, and the loss of life, affect me deeply. I read Hostage by Eli Sharabi and was moved to tears by his account. As someone who witnessed the terrorism of extremist organizations during my service in Afghanistan, I feel this personally.
Peaceful protest is a right, but public property cannot become a place where people are threatened or intimidated, or where the murder of innocent people is celebrated. When conduct raises credible safety concerns or may break the law, the City should work closely with Ottawa Police, enforce applicable rules consistently, and make sure affected residents know how to report concerns and get support. Threats, violence and antisemitic harassment must be taken seriously.

3) ***Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism? Please share how you will accomplish this.***

Yes. I would work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and other community partners to understand where municipal staff and institutions need better support. That could include practical training on recognizing antisemitism, clear ways to report and escalate incidents, and regular communication with the community about safety concerns and the City's response. I would also encourage the City to review its protocols with community partners so they are useful in practice and responsive to the experiences of Jewish residents.

4) ***Since October 7, hostility toward Israel and Zionism has increasingly affected Jewish residents here at home, including efforts to exclude or marginalize Jews based on their real or perceived connection to Israel. Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?***

Yes. I oppose efforts to bring BDS measures targeting Israel into City politics. The City should focus on its municipal responsibilities and on serving Ottawa residents fairly. Jewish residents should not be excluded, blamed or treated with suspicion because of their identity or their real or perceived connection to Israel. I believe Israel has a right to exist and that Jewish people have the right to live there. People can hold and express different views about international affairs, but City Hall should not become a place for campaigns that single out Israel or marginalize Jewish residents.



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Thank you for reaching out. The work the Jewish Federation of Ottawa does to stand up for your community matters deeply.

Standing against hate is not a political position; it is a humanitarian one. Antisemitism, like all forms of bigotry and discrimination, has no place in Ottawa. The rise in hate and efforts to exclude any community from public life is alarming, and I am committed to being a clear, moderate voice that speaks out against it.

… …I believe our ward needs a representative who brings communities together rather than drives them apart. I would welcome the chance to connect with Jewish residents and community organizations in our part of the city.

Thank you again for the important work you do.



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PUBLIC RECORD HIGHLIGHTS

Previous Federation survey (2022): In the Federation's 2022 questionnaire, Ashiri supported including antisemitism in municipal anti-racism programs and said she would advocate for education and support programs aimed at awareness and prevention.

1) ***What role can the City play to push back against antisemitism and the violent forms of antizionism so Jewish residents can live safely and openly in Ottawa?***

Antisemitism is a specific and long-standing type of hate that should be specifically identified and not lumped into broader categories. No Jewish family in Ottawa should have to ask if their child is safe in a school, synagogue, or a park. Blaming Jewish Canadians for the actions of a foreign government constitutes antisemitism, and City Hall should make this clear. The City should:

ensure that the hate-crime tools used by Ottawa Police are sufficient and that crime is reported back to the community transparently;

collaborate with the Jewish community to address security issues in synagogues, schools and community centres;

ensure that City facilities, programs and events are accessible to Jews including visibly Jewish individuals and those associated with Israel;

ensure genuine community engagement during Jewish Heritage Month and Holocaust Remembrance Day and not simply a public proclamation.

2) ***Ottawa has seen violent demonstrations where participants have expressed support for terrorist organizations and celebrated the October 7 attacks. What steps should the City take when events on public property cross the line into intimidation, hate, support for terrorism or threats to public safety?***

Peaceful protest is a Charter right, and the City must ensure its protection. However, glorifying terrorism, celebrating the violence against civilians, intimidation of individuals, or obstruction of access to schools and places of worship is not peaceful protest. The City should:

establish clear and uniform conditions for permits for events held on City property and enforce those conditions consistently;

continue the timely response by Ottawa Police and by-law enforcement to threats of violence, intimidation and support for terrorist organizations. These actions are already covered in the Criminal Code;

support a by-law that provides for the safe access to schools, places of worship and community centres. Similar by-laws exist in other Ontario cities;

refuse future permits to event organizers who continue to repeatedly disregard the established conditions.

3) ***Will you work with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa to better equip municipal agencies, programs and civic institutions to recognize, prevent and respond effectively to antisemitism? Please share how you will accomplish this.***

Yes. Through my experience in governance, I have learned that institutions thrive when they are accountable and remain connected to the people they serve. I currently serve on the boards of Counselling and Family Service Ottawa and the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre. I have previously served on the boards of La Cité and Montfort Hospital. If elected, I will:

Ensure that in my early months as an office I meet with the Jewish Federation to identify common priorities;
Support training for City front-line employees such as by-law officers, OC Transpo employees, and recreation and community centre employees to identify and respond to incidents of antisemitism, in coordination with the Jewish community;
Ensure that antisemitism is specifically addressed in the City's work against racism and that there is representation from the Jewish community;

Request clear mechanisms for reporting antisemitic incidents in City spaces and consistent public reporting of that data to track improvements over time.

4) ***Since October 7, hostility toward Israel and Zionism has increasingly affected Jewish residents here at home, including efforts to exclude or marginalize Jews based on their real or perceived connection to Israel. Will you oppose efforts to bring international political campaigns, including BDS measures targeting Israel, into city politics?***

Yes. Foreign policy belongs at the federal level. The role of the City Council is to provide safe and affordable housing, safe neighborhoods, reliable transit and excellent services to all residents. I will continue to oppose BDS resolutions, and any other actions that bring foreign conflicts into City Hall. Such actions provide no benefit to residents of Ottawa and result in a sense of exclusion and being singled out for Ottawa's Jewish residents. All City programs, partnerships and spaces must be open to all residents, regardless of their actual or perceived ties to Israel or any other country.