

We need a government that listens to all of Canada's regions, and recognizes the incredible contributions that our rural, remote and Northern communities make to the prosperity and strength of our entire country...

## **Welcoming new Canadians**

Immigration makes Canada stronger, welcoming new talent and energy from around the world to build our communities and boost our economy. Canada is one of the most diverse countries in the world – and we are richer and stronger for it...

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Every Canadian deserves to feel secure in the knowledge that their streets, home, business and community are safe. New Democrats know that building a sense of community safety is not just about the absence of crime – It's about making sure that everyone matters, that we address the root causes of crime, and that the justice system treats everyone fairly.

When we focus on increasing social inclusion, promoting public health, ensuring food security, access to education, affordable housing and increasing youth engagement, we

not only provide Canadians with important services; we also reduce the risk of crime.

But when crime threatens and safety is at risk, there's much more that the federal government can do to protect Canadians and foster safer communities for the long term.

Police accountability is an important way to make our communities safer. It's past time to put in place robust and independent civilian oversight of the RCMP. We'll launch a review of the RCMP's budget and the RCMP Act in order to ensure accountability of the RCMP to the public. A New Democrat government will release all use-of-force incidents by the RCMP and launch a full review of these practices.

For too long, successive Liberal and Conservative governments have stood by and done nothing while Indigenous, Black and other racialized communities are forced to live in fear and mistrust of the police. New Democrats are committed to putting an end to police violence, and will implement a federal use-of-force standard with a zero-tolerance policy for inappropriate use-of-force. We will overhaul federal police training to ensure that every officer receives robust and ongoing de-escalation, implicit-bias and cross-cultural training throughout their career. New Democrats will also increase investments in non-police interventions, such as mental health and addiction supports.

It's time for the federal government to tackle white supremacy, terrorism and the growing threat of hate crimes targeting communities in Canada. We will begin work immediately to ensure that all major cities have dedicated hate crime units within local police forces, and to convene a national working group to counter online hate. New Democrats will always stand up against all forms of hate, racism, including anti-Black racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gender-based violence, homophobia, and transphobia.

Too many lives have been lost in Canadian cities to rising gun crime. We will work to keep assault weapons and illegal handguns off our streets, and to tackle gun smuggling and organized crime.

To help protect our communities against gangs, New Democrats will make sure that communities have access to funding for anti-gang projects that help deter at-risk youth from joining gangs. We'll address radicalization by focusing on preventing youth from falling prey to violent extremism, including through support for community-led initiatives.

Our vision of public safety is one that is informed by the need for more restorative justice. Victims should have access to the services and supports they need, such as counselling, referrals, police and court-related services, and a voice in decisions that may impact their safety.

New Democrats will deal with threats to our national security, including foreign interference and espionage, terrorism and cybercrime, by working with our international allies, enhancing real-time oversight of security services, and fully respecting the privacy