

Halton Conservative

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Volunteer Pat Whyte puts up a sign during the 2008 campaign

MP's MESSAGE

An Election No One Wants

By Lisa Raitt, PC MP

It has been just under a year since the people of Halton elected me to be their representative in Parliament.

Along with Prime Minister Harper and my colleagues in Cabinet and in the Conservative caucus, I have been working hard over the past year to promote Canada's prosperity in these difficult times.

I chose to raise my two boys in Halton and I have made Halton a priority. I am proud to have helped deliver over \$135 million in federal funding to Halton Region.

The Conservative government took timely and effective steps to reduce the severity of the recession in Canada. We reduced taxes and provided stimulus to the economy by funding important infrastructure projects.

The Home Renovation Tax Credit, for example, helps families repair or renovate their homes, and creates employment in the construction sector.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteer today. It matters.

By John Challinor II

"Without a healthy democracy, there is no charity."

The words stung me the first time my mother directed them my way. I was 14 and was thinking about not bothering to help out the local candidate. I really didn't have anything more important to do. I was just being self-centered and lazy.

At her urging, I turned off the TV that day and turned on Conservative politics and have never looked back. The Federal and Provincial Tory parties have been my other family since 1969, affording me the opportunity to make many life-long friendships, actively participate in the democratic process and give back to my community in the best way possible.

Our style of democracy has made Canada the best place to live, work and play in the world. It didn't happen by accident. And, it won't continue to

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The results are in. Employment is already rebounding: in August, 27,100 jobs were created! Canada's unemployment rate of 8.7% is a full percentage point below the US', and close to 30-year averages.

We are helping people who are out of work by extending EI benefits and improving retraining programs. We have helped families, the elderly, farmers, students...

Bank of Montreal economist Douglas Porter wrote recently, "Timely and appropriate policies prevented a Great Recession here."

But Michael Ignatieff wants an election, less than one year since the last one, and the fourth in just under five years. He doesn't have a better or different plan for dealing with the economy. He just wants to be Prime Minister.

Canada's recovery is still fragile and there is still work to do. An election right now could be harmful. But if Mr. Ignatieff forces an election that no one else wants, I ask you to join with me to ensure that the Harper government is returned to power, with a majority.

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be the case without your help.

I know you are busy with work and family. The current economy has made both responsibilities even tougher. And, like you, I'm not happy about the fact we'll have had four federal elections in just over five years. It's a lot to ask of our volunteers, donors and candidates.

But, if we don't persevere, the Canada we believe in will be lost to special interests who will organize themselves to benefit from apathy and low voter turnout. They'll take over Ottawa the same way they're taking over municipal government in too many towns and cities across this great country.

Simply fill out the attached form and send it to me. I'm not asking you to do a lot. I'm asking you to do something that will make a difference in Lisa Raitt's efforts to be re-elected in Halton.

Please join with me and let's fight for what we believe in as Conservatives!

Yes! I want to help re-elect Lisa Raitt!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in: (tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Signs | <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canvassing | <input type="checkbox"/> Data entry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literature drops | <input type="checkbox"/> Elections Canada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone canvassing | non-partisan paid work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Day | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

I would like a lawn sign during the election

I also want to help financially. I enclose a tax-deductible donation of:

\$75 \$100 \$150 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to "Halton Conservative Association"

Clip and mail to: Halton Conservative Association, PO Box 382, Milton, Ontario, L9T 4Y9

Or fill out the form at haltonconservative.ca/volunteer/; or email: info@haltonconservative.ca

Students: campaign work may qualify for school community service requirements.

You don't need to be a member to join us at our upcoming events—

A Night at the Races!

Join fellow conservatives from Halton, Burlington, and Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale for a night of fine dining, great racing and gaming action.

With special guests MPs Lisa Raitt, Mike Wallace, and David Sweet.

When: Friday, November 20, 2009

Dinner at 5 pm

Post time 7:25 pm

Where: Flamborough Downs

Price: \$60 per person. Includes parking, admission, racing program, dinner.

For tickets call John Challinor II 905-878-7638 or Dave Cherry 905-332-7538.

A Halton Country Christmas

Join Lisa Raitt MP, Ted Chudleigh MPP, and fellow conservatives from the federal and provincial parties in a relaxed atmosphere to eat, drink and be merry. There will be door prizes, a silent auction, and enlightened discussions.

When: Saturday, November 28, 2009

Cocktails 6 pm

Dinner 7 pm

Where: Granite Ridge Golf Club

9503 Dublin Line, Milton

Price: \$100

For tickets call Pat Whyte 905-338-2609 or email patwhyte@sympatico.ca

Cocktail Fundraiser Reception

Network with conservatives from the GTA as you support Lisa Raitt's re-election as a strong voice for Halton families.

When: Thursday, September 24

6-8 pm

Where: Kultura

169 King St. East, Toronto

Price: \$250 donation (or more!)

For tickets email info@haltonconservative.ca

Mitrovitch on Membership

You don't need to be a member to come to our events, but joining means you will get notice of all events in our newsletter.

To join, call 1-866-808-8407 and ask for "membership". One year is \$10, but five years is only \$35.

If you have questions about your membership, contact Paul Mitrovitch at 905-878-4649 or pmitrovich@sympatico.ca.

Check out our new website: haltonconservative.ca

Want to save paper? Email info@haltonconservative.ca and request an email-only newsletter.

Lisa helps deliver over \$135 million to Halton Region

- ✓ Milton sports and arts facilities—over \$16m
- ✓ Burlington sports facilities—\$1.3m
- ✓ Sheridan College—\$31m
- ✓ Oakville North Park Sports fields—\$500,000
- ✓ GO Transit improvements—over \$30m
- ✓ Tremaine Road—over \$5m
- ✓ Skyway Wastewater Treatment plant—over \$51m
- ✓ Halton Conservation Authority—\$420,766

Harper government delivers

- ✓ Lower GST
- ✓ Lower income taxes
- ✓ Home Renovation Tax Credit
- ✓ Fitness and culture tax credits for families
- ✓ Tax break for the elderly
- ✓ Longer EI benefits and more training
- ✓ Infrastructure investments across the country
- ✓ Tough measures to combat crime

