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CRAIG SCOTT

for Toronto-Danforth NDP

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"No one will ever replace Jack, but I believe I have the experience, energy and passion to help carry his legacy forward. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to it, to work tirelessly for the people of Toronto-Danforth and to add some strength to the Opposition benches in Ottawa."



"I love this city, and I love this community – that's why I've made Toronto-Danforth my home for over twenty years."

"The people that make up Toronto-Danforth need a strong leader who celebrates and understands its diversity, and will work hard to build a strong local NDP."

"Why am I running? I am motivated by the urgency and seriousness of the many challenges faced by Canada and the world as a whole, as well as a sense of duty to help solve these challenges. The current Conservative government is charging full steam ahead in its mission to transform Canada in regressive ways. I am committed to helping our party demonstrate that we are a compelling alternative to Stephen Harper's agenda. And I believe Canada needs to step up and play a constructive role in a transition to a green economy. Only the NDP has the energy and vision to tackle these two great challenges with creativity and optimism. The NDP is the way of the future."



Craig with his partner Aeh and their dog Joey in Withrow Park.

highlights of Craig's experience

- Rhodes Scholar and Osgoode Hall Law School professor at York University, with a focus on international human rights and corporate and government accountability
- Internationally respected legal expert and advocate for human rights, co-founder and advisor of *Sri Lanka Campaign for Peace and Justice* and a Commissioner on the Honduran civil society *Truth Commission*
- Vocal critic on the abuse of Afghan detainees
- Respected advisor to *African National Congress* during the drafting of the first post-apartheid South African constitution
- Former board member of Toronto housing group *Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation*
- Strong supporter of the arts, and a former gallery owner

"Craig Scott played a seminal role in the shaping of the Bill of Rights in South Africa's 1996 Constitution through his writings, policy advice and interaction with civil society organizations. South Africans are indebted to him for his contributions to their constitutional democracy."

Professor Sandra Liebenberg

former Chair, Bill of Rights Technical Committee, Constitutional Assembly of South Africa
and

Geoff Budlender

former Director of the Legal Resources Centre

"As an MP for Toronto-Danforth, Craig Scott would be a huge asset for his constituents, for the NDP and for Canada. One of the most respected experts in the world in the field of social and economic rights such as the right to housing, Craig has always been there for those who are poor and homeless in Canada fighting for their rights."

Bruce Porter

Social Rights Advocacy Centre; former Executive Director, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation

Craig running an all-day forum on abuse of Afghan detainees in preparation for a presentation to Parliament.



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“I was thrilled to learn of Craig’s commitment to entering our national politics at what is a crucial time in Canadian and indeed world history. We need people of Craig’s integrity, skill and intelligence who are driven by a sense of urgency.”

James Orbinski

former President for Nobel recipient Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

“I’m supporting Craig because he is ready to hit the ground running. We can’t take any election for granted — we need the strongest possible candidate for the upcoming by-election. Craig has the gravitas, energy and optimism to put us on the winning track.”

Janet Solberg

former President, Ontario NDP and former President, Toronto-Danforth

“Toronto-Danforth deserves an MP who has the drive, passion and experience to do justice to Jack’s legacy and to help us become a more just, caring and inclusive society. He will work constructively and effectively across communities and issues in ways that will benefit both the residents of Toronto-Danforth and Canadians in general. And I am delighted that he will be an active advocate and role model for LGBT youth at a time when we can ill afford to be complacent.”

Brent Hawkes

Reverend, Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, Riverdale

“I have known Craig for 20 years, and have the utmost respect for him as a lawyer, a professor and as a friend. I took out an NDP membership for the first time in my life because I believe he would do an outstanding job representing me, my family and our community in Parliament.”

Toni Schweitzer

legal aid lawyer, and Leslieville resident

“Craig is exactly the MP we need for Toronto-Danforth. He is extremely effective and passionate. He is a well-known champion for equality rights and social justice, at home and internationally.”

Gary Malkowski

former NDP Member of Provincial Parliament for York East and North America’s only former deaf parliamentarian

“As a New Democrat and a resident of Toronto-Danforth, I would be proud to have Craig Scott as my Member of Parliament. I believe Craig has the stature, accomplishment and history of activism we need at this crucial time for our riding.”

Sue Baker

Riverdale resident and founder of Riverdale Share

“As a labour lawyer I know that Craig Scott’s involvement in corporate accountability and social and economic rights struggles are firmly rooted in the values of social justice and equality. That’s why I wholeheartedly support him.”

Paula Turtle

Canadian Counsel, United Steelworkers, and East York resident

“Craig was advocating for action on global warming before most of us had even heard of it. He is well-seasoned in both the urgency and complexity of the environmental challenges we face. We need strong voices in Parliament, and here in Toronto, advocating for action on climate change — now more than ever.”

Rick Smith

environmentalist, author and Leslieville resident

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Craig and Janet Solberg, past President of the Toronto-Danforth Riding Association and of the Ontario NDP.

“I have been a colleague of Craig for over twenty years and a resident of Riverdale for almost as long. Craig has long seen himself as having responsibilities beyond ‘the ivory tower.’ He has provided invaluable expertise on cases relating to welfare benefits and freedom from discrimination in housing. I know that many social justice organizations regard Craig as an important ally who brings invaluable knowledge, analysis and endless energy to the tasks at hand.”

Janet Mosher

Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, and Riverdale resident; Academic Director, Parkdale Community Legal Services

“Craig is my clear choice, for his proven track record on human rights, diversity and equity. I am confident he will bring his wisdom and compassion to the job every day, as a powerful advocate for the residents of Toronto-Danforth.”

Tasleem Riaz

Riding Association executive and community activist

“Craig Scott has constantly inspired me with his willingness to take up causes overlooked by others, and his readiness to take a stand for human rights even when the issues may be complex or unpopular.”

Alex Neve

Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada

“I’ve known Craig as a member of the gay community and I know that he understands the stigma and marginalization that diverse communities feel every day. It’s not good enough for politicians simply to tell young people that it will get better — especially if at the same time they vote for policies that discriminate and stigmatize. MP’s have some power and some responsibility to make it better. It will only get better when people like Craig Scott get elected to Parliament and take a stand.”

Richard Elliott

lawyer and human rights activist, and Danforth/Greenwood resident



Craig and Rick Smith, leading environmental activist and Leslieville resident.