

ARTICLE – ONA WEBSITE

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NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT

I am excited to run for Provincial President. I know we are in very difficult times with some of our interest being at it's lowest point. We need empowerment now more than ever. I believe it's so very important for our leadership team to be present at each and every local now that we are able to do so once again. I would like to be visible and **work** alongside each and every one of you to bring positive change to ONA. Now, more than ever, we need to be united. I am not afraid to speak out for change. I believe we have Doug Ford 'on the run' so to speak. Now is the time to continue pushing for what we need! I use the word need as opposed to want, we are beyond the want stage, we need changes! We need to keep our nurses, novice to expert! We have to stop chasing them away. I say we, because, although 'we' are trying our best to keep them at the bedside, I believe 'we, all of us' can do better. We can unite as we never have before.

Many of you know, I have no issue using my voice. I am happy to lead the charge. I will be at the front of as many rallies as I am able to attend. I want to be visible to all our members. I want our executive members to be visible to all our members. I know we have, but I believe we can do better.

We have changed some of our strategies and I would like the opportunity to continue to grow and add to those strategies.

The new teams created for Anti Racism and the existing Human Rights and Equity team, among others are an integral part of any great organization. I know that they have done some terrific work already and I hope to be a part of their future endeavors.

In conclusion, I would like to preemptively congratulate whomever is elected as President, I know we will all continue to work diligently to support this great Association.

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