



ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER

OFFICIAL LIBERAL CANDIDATE IN
Mount Royal

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MOUNT ROYAL FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN **STEPHEN BRONFMAN, CULTURAL COMMUNITY LEADERS SAY “YES” TO HOUSEFATHER**

As the October 19 federal election date draws closer, Mount Royal Liberal candidate Anthony Housefather continues to obtain major endorsements from community leaders.

At a campaign open house on Thursday, September 24 at Mount Royal Liberal campaign headquarters on Van Horne Avenue, leaders of major organizations serving the Filipino, Bangladeshi, Indian, Sri Lankan, Jewish, Armenian, Lebanese, Iraqi, Chinese and Black communities lined up to voice support for Liberal leader Justin Trudeau's vision of an inclusive Canada and to back Housefather and a change in government.



Mayor Peter Trent, Anthony Housefather, Marvin Rotrand and Mayor Beny Masella.

Prominent Jewish community leader Stephen Bronfman spoke to formally endorse Housefather as did Westmount Mayor Peter Trent, Montreal West Mayor Beny Masella and Hampstead Councillor Warren Budning.

“When I was working towards demerger, I was working with Anthony,” said Mayor Trent. “He is one of the most principled and trustworthy people that I know who will also stand up for his residents and not his own interests. In that respect he is very different from his opponent. In this election I must strongly recommend voting for the Liberals and Anthony Housefather.

Mayor Masella credited Housefather for the leadership he showed by standing up to the Parti Québécois when it tried to adopt laws changing the bilingual status of municipalities and to adopt the infamous Charter of Values. “He not only supported his community, but led the battle to support all communities,” he said.

Budning was elected two years ago at the age of 23. “Anthony was 24 when first elected in Hampstead,” he said. “He was one of the driving forces in getting me elected.”

Housefather spoke passionately about his personal support for Israel, while reiterating the Liberal Party’s long-standing support for the Jewish State, “We are lucky to live in a country where each major party supports Israel. This should not be a wedge issue,” he stated, celebrating a room full of supporters from a swath of cultural communities.



Stephen Bronfman endorses Housefather.

Bronfman said that nobody should doubt Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau’s support for Israel. “I brought Justin with me to Israel seven years ago,” he said. “Israel has his support and understanding. Justin has been able to rebuild this party. We are going to rock and roll in the next few weeks. Anthony Housefather has devoted over 20 years of his life to community. He is walking the walk.”

Housefather underlined the importance of the Bronfman name in Canada. “For anyone who questions the Liberal Party’s commitment to and support for the State of Israel, the Bronfman name stands tall,” states Housefather. “The Bronfman family has played a leadership role in the Canadian Jewish community for generations. As the immediate past chair of the Combined Jewish Appeal campaign, Stephen followed in the footsteps of his father Charles, his late uncle Edgar and his late grandfather Samuel.”

Other endorsements from the Jewish community included former Canadian Jewish Congress president Dorothy Reitman, Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors Immediate Past President Maxine Bloom, Jewish community leaders Dean Mendel and Neil Uditsky, Beth Zion Congregation Immediate Past President Allan Schneiderman, Or Hahayim Past President Ariel Sabbah, Beth Zion Sisterhood President Rena Rush, Jewish Book Month Past President Gitty Cobrin, Past Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Jimmy Indig, Past President of the Côte Saint-Luc Men’s Club Peter Sternberg, Côte Saint Luc Women’s Club President Ferma Green, Association de Juifs Originaire D’Egypte founder and Past President of the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue Sisterhood Irena Buenavida.



Lilia Esguerra brings support from the Filipino community.

One of the most impassioned messages of the night came from Lilia Esguerra, the president of FILGA (Filipino Golden Agers). While she recognized that the NDP candidate is from the Filipino community, she stated that most of the community is solidly behind the Liberals and Housefather. “Over 40 years ago the Philippines were placed under martial law by the late Ferdinand Marcos,” she recalled. “Our democratic way of life was taken away from us. Some people like members of my family were able to leave. I was already here in Canada and it was because of Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau that I was able to get 17 members of my family here. I will always be grateful to the Federal Liberal Party.”



Gemma Raeburn-Baynes

Gemma Raeburn-Baynes from the Black community and Viken Attarian from the AGBU (Armenian General Benevolent Union) also spoke passionately about Housefather. Linda Julien, president of the Liberal Party of Canada (Quebec), said that Housefather has been preparing for this moment to become the next MP for Mount Royal for more than 20 years. “He deserves it,” she said.

Snowdon City Councillor Marvin Rotrand has agreed to serve as the Housefather Election Day Chair. “Marvin has won every election he ran in for more than 30 years,” said Housefather. “He knows the riding and will help get the vote out.”

Côte des Neiges-Nôtre Dame de Grace Borough Mayor Russell Copeman has already endorsed Housefather as has outgoing Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, all eight Côte Saint-Luc city councillors, various TMR and Hampstead councillors, former D'Arcy McGee Liberal MNA Lawrence Bergman, English Montreal School Board Chairman Angela Mancini, Vice-Chair Sylvia Lo Bianco, Commissioner Syd Wise, and more than 50 well known leaders of cultural community organizations present in Mount Royal.

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