

Student issues to be the focus of mayoral panel at King's University College

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London, ON – The first mayoral panel for the 2022 London municipal election will see candidates discussing issues of importance to post-secondary students.

The King's Political Science Students' Association (KPSSA) is organizing the Municipal Election Panel Night on topics such as: affordable housing and homelessness, racism and inclusion, transportation and climate change. Each candidate will have 45 seconds to answer and audience members will be invited to ask questions as well.

When: The Municipal Election Panel Night will take place on October 3 at 6 p.m. at King's University College in the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, 266 Epworth Ave. Community members can find free parking in Parking Lot 3.

Who is participating: Candidates participating in the panel include London mayoral candidates Brandon Ellis, Norman Robert Miles, Josh Morgan, Johanne Nichols, Sean O'Connell, Khalil Ramal, and Sandie Thomas. All mayoral candidates were invited.

What it is about: The Municipal Election Panel Night will provide an opportunity for students and the audience to meet the candidates, ask questions about the platforms and goals of each mayoral candidate, and to encourage participation in the election. The panel is open to the public and community members are encouraged to register to attend. King's has a long history of hosting debates for municipal and federal elections, hosting the municipal debates in 2014 and 2018, and the federal election debate in 2019.

You can <u>read more about the panel</u> on the King's website.

How to register: <u>Please register for the Mayoral Panel Night</u>. By registering, community members are attesting to being fully vaccinated (two COVID-19 vaccines).

Quotes:

"We want to amplify young voices in this election. The panel will be an important event to the King's community as this is the time to confront the issues that affect students and the London community. We look forward to having mayoral candidates and students join us for this informative event," says Ava Hassan, Vice-President of Events, KPSSA.

About King's

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rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally autonomous, King's is academically-affiliated with Western University, and King's graduates receive a Western University degree. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person.

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