



PUBLIC INTEREST ALBERTA

# PRIORITIES FOR CHANGE

## SENIORS

As Albertans prepare to make their choice this pivotal election, we must work together to demand better for Alberta seniors. An Alberta for all includes seniors as much as everyone else.

Public Interest Alberta worked alongside our vast network of advocates, activists, front-line workers, and experts to develop the following priorities for change.

The Provincial Government must:

1. Pass legislation **establishing an Independent Office of the Seniors Advocate** which would report directly to the legislature and the public, and be appropriately empowered and funded to promote the rights and well-being of Alberta seniors.
2. Commit to **building a system of comprehensive service delivery** that ensures the well-being of seniors including health needs, housing, income/financial supports and social supports.
3. Commit to provide and fully fund **high quality care that meets the physical, emotional, mental and social needs of seniors residing in congregate care facilities** and ensure that care is provided by **full-time, full-benefit workers who are employed in only one facility**.
4. **Expand the funding, scope and accessibility of services that will permit seniors to continue to reside in their own homes or communities** and experience optimal health at all stages of aging.
5. Lobby the federal government to **establish a single-payer National Pharmacare Plan** through and commit to Alberta's full participation in the plan once established.
6. **Establish consistent data collection, tracking protocols, monitoring and reporting processes** that apply to all services that receive any amount of government funding regardless of the ownership status of the facility or service provider.