Hi:  
My name is Karen Lin. I am running to be the next school trustee in Ward 5 (Malton, Britannia Woods) Mississauga in the upcoming municipal election.  
  
I am very aware of the issues facing our Sikh community in Ward 5 such as Mental Health, Drug abuse, Alcohol Abuse, Poverty and lack of jobs. In fact, I was invited by Baldev Mutta CEO of  PCHS(Punjabi Community Health Service) to attend the first Punjabi Mental Health Forum last Sunday.  
  
When Mississauga News asked the 72 year old incumbent what he would like to do better for Ward 5 schools, his response was "nothing, I am happy with everything"   That is an attitude of complacency, arrogance and neglect.  
  
I believe it is time for change. We need someone passionate, experienced, local and energized about the future. Two of the biggest problems facing us today are high YOUTH Unemployment and increasing poverty rate.  Yet no trustee candidate is making these issues a priority.   This has a direct impact on the mental health of our growing youth and on our economic future.   
  
Being an executive member from the Peel Labour Council, I fully understand the importance of social justice, culture diversity and opportunities our young people. Our labour council played a key part in electing and re-electing Jagmeet Singh. I personally worked on his campaign. I was his scruitneer in Malton on election day.   
  
Our campaign is for the youth and by the youth. It is our mission to get young people excited about this opportunity. We believe change can only come from the grass root.  
  
We are looking for Sikh volunteers and would like to know if SYF could help us identifying great Sikh young volunteers. There are a lot of young people in our Sikh community that are intelligent and ambitious. In particular, we are looking for a Sikh campaign organizer. The Peel Labour Council will be providing training to them because they are endorsing me as a candidate. I think this is a great opportunity, and young people from our Sikh community can use this as a stepping stone to further their future endeavor.   
  
Our campaign site is [http://Karen4Trustsee.com](http://karen4trustsee.com/" \t "_blank) (a re-designed site will be up soon)  
my cell is : 647 519 8974  
  
I very much look forward to hearing from you.  
  
Sincerely,

Karen