

Angela Preocanin

NOMINEE FOR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Dear ONA Leaders and Members,

Over the past few years since I've had the humble honour of serving you, it's been clear to me and to anyone who knows about the state of our healthcare system in Ontario that a seismic movement is underway. With so many of you fed up with poor working conditions and the constant disrespect we've endured from our government, a fire has been lit in our collective hearts, prompting us to take unprecedented action.

We've banded together to kick off a revolution like no time in the history of our profession. As a result, we're stronger and louder than ever before, and have achieved many groundbreaking firsts together across our province. These first-of-their-kind accomplishments are the direct result of the fierce solidarity you've shown each other and your relentless efforts to fight back – fight for our patients, fight for our residents and clients, and fight for the future of our profession.

We have so much to be proud of. Your visible leadership – showing up time and time again to support our colleagues at local rallies, protests and in your workplaces – have resulted in historical wins in our journey to fight for our rights. Because of our efforts, we have:

- repealed Bill 124 ensuring nurses receive the wage increases they deserve
- secured the most significant wage increase in over a decade on average 16% through hospital negotiations
- achieved the largest wage increase in 30 years of 11.5% through regional Long Term Care negotiations
- launched the first ever Anti Racism and Anti-Oppression Campaign to address the ongoing racism and oppression that exists for so many of our members and staff within our communities
- partnered with Ontario Federation of Labour and Ontario Health Coalition to rally against government and the privatization of publicly funded healthcare, telling Ontarians the honest truth of the underfunding of the healthcare system

Together, we've created a resounding movement. Your monumental force is getting stronger every day as we pave the way for our next generation of nurses and healthcare professionals who, along with all Canadians, will forever benefit from all we have done.

We're only getting started – and a lot is at stake. We must continue making our fight known and visible to all those around us in our communities and workplaces. This is even more critical now as we face the prospect of upcoming provincial and federal elections,

and the challenge of making sure that our rights, and those of our patients, are front and center of these political agendas.

To keep amplifying your voice so it's heard at all levels of government and through every available means across the province, I humbly ask for your support in re-electing me as First Vice-President. I want to continue fighting fiercely by your side and on your behalf at this critical time in our profession, so we can keep doing what we clearly do best – making history together.

We will continue breaking ground for nursing and healthcare professionals across Ontario and set an example for the rest of the country. I pledge that together with all of you, we will keep fighting to protect our right to better wages, better care, safe staffing, and ensure that we stop our government from privatizing our precious services. As we look to the road ahead, we will:

- fight and apply pressure on the current government with collective actions provincially
- feed you messaging and information to spread the word to Ontarians on the truth about government accountabilities to taxpayers and healthcare
- continue to advocate on your behalf to fight issues head-on
- support you in all ways possible with local actions amplifying messaging, signing petitions, contacting local elected representatives

There is no one stronger than us. There is no movement making more history than ours. We are entering uncharted territory with a renewed sense of purpose and focus. I hope you will enable me to continue serving you and amplifying your voice as we buckle in to take this incredible ride together.

Fighting with you in fierce solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Preocanin RN". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Preocanin, RN