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## Ready to ask for answers on the issues that matter to working women?

**BPW Canada's Resolutions and Bylaws committee has tools for you to use. YOU HAVE A VOICE – BE HEARD!**

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Dear <<First Name>>:

As you know, Monday, April 28 is FEDERAL ELECTION DAY and, over the next few weeks, we have an opportunity to get the issues that matter most to us on the debate floor, and advocate for change. That's why we've put together the following resources to help you get the answers we, as a group, are looking for.

### How can I get answers?

- Attend campaign meetings by candidates in your riding.
- Contact candidates in your riding via their affiliated party's website, with your questions.
- Use [BPW Talking Points](#) to formulate your questions. This document:
  - groups issues of concern to the Canadian electorate (and therefore points candidates may be likely to address during campaign meetings), with points you can talk about and questions you can ask,

- based on BPW Canada's official positions represented by approved resolutions and position papers.
- It also indicates any responses by the federal government so you can push your questions further or make them more precise at the outset.
- Use the BPW Canada Briefs [BPW Briefs](#) a summary of the resolutions, to guide your expression of support for or opposition to proposed policies and actions. These documents are BPW Canada's official positions, as presented to representatives of all the parties. Focus on the issues, not the individual parties or politicians.

### **What should I remember?**

- BPW Canada is a non-partisan organization, and as such, we do not support or oppose any political party or candidate.
- Issues such as gender equality and pay equity; women's representation and leadership; and accessible, affordable childcare are imperative to enable women to support our economy and provide a prosperous future.
- Social issues that are not dealt with, such as violence against women, reproductive rights, affordable housing and income security, interfere with working women contributing fully to society and the economy.

### **What should I do now?**

- Are you registered to vote? Do you know where to vote?
- Do you know times and dates advance polls are open if you cannot vote on the 28th?
- Do you know who the candidates are in your riding?
- Have you checked out the various party platforms?
- Are you listening to unbiased news sources? ([The Canadian Press](#) | [Canada's Trusted News Leader](#) recommended)
- Canada Elections website (<https://www.elections.ca/home.aspx/>)

We only have a few weeks to advocate for the issues that are important to us as BPW members. Let's make our voices heard and get these issues in the minds of our future representatives!

If you would like to join the BPW Canada Resolutions and Bylaws committee, and advocate for working women's issues, contact [resolutions@bpwcanada.com](mailto:resolutions@bpwcanada.com)

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