



Dear Colleagues,

We have an opportunity to vote to elect three members from District N to the OCP Council.

My name is Juanita (Leigh) Smith, and I would like to ask for your support and your vote, for re-election to Council.

I was honoured to be elected in July 2017 by the members in our District to represent them at Council. In the past year I have gained a significant amount of knowledge on the governance structure and operations of the Council, and how it achieves its mandate to protect the public and contribute to the quality and safety of pharmacy practice. I have also expanded my knowledge of, and insight into, our profession through my own research into current issues and through deliberations with other Council members.

I would like to continue to apply and build on this knowledge by continuing to represent you on Council.

I had the opportunity in March to participate in the Councils planning session to set out the strategic priorities, and framework for 2019-2021. I am very excited about the Council's vision and plan for the next three years, especially our strong focus on enhancing patient outcomes through the optimization of our current scope of practise. I am hopeful that I will have the opportunity to support and bring insights to the Council, helping to innovate and strengthen our profession, and meet the evolving needs of our patients.

I have also had the privilege to serve on both the Discipline Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee. This has allowed me to increase my knowledge and understanding of the work of our regulatory body in this regard, and to work closely with the College to achieve fair outcomes and ensure we protect and serve the public.

I have over 20 years experience in pharmacy and have worked in a variety of environments including hospital (inpatient and sterile compounding), industry (Johnson and Johnson Medical) as a Manufacturing Pharmacist and Ethicon Manager. I am currently a practicing community pharmacist and the Associate owner of a Shoppers Drug Mart store in Cambridge.

I have had the opportunity to be licensed as a pharmacist in three countries; South Africa, the UK, and Canada, which has led to one of my main areas of passion in our profession which is to support and help develop the new pharmacists joining our profession. As a Preceptor and an Assessor for the PEBC OSCE exams I have had the opportunity to develop the confidence and skills sets of Canadian and International students. I see this as a key role in being able to give back to our

profession, and to help ensure that the public receives the best possible quality pharmacy services and care.

I am passionate about the role of pharmacists in our healthcare system, and about our profession. I believe that the College Council is a vital link between our role as healthcare professionals and ensuring our patients receive the best possible quality care.

Thank you for considering me again as a representative for District N, and if you have any questions about my candidacy, or thoughts to share, feel free to reach out to me at Shoppers Drug Mart, asdm979@shoppersdrugmart.ca

Sincerely,

Juanita (Leigh) Smith