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Two years ago, I was elected as Toronto East's representative on the RCDSO Council. I campaigned on a platform emphasizing Science and (common) Sense at the RCDSO. I believe I have been successful in that endeavor. I have also found the work experience to be both important and enjoyable. Councilors are elected to bring the perspective of their districts while fulfilling their primary duty in service to the oral health interests of the people of Ontario. I would like to continue in this essential capacity.

I believe strongly that what is best for Ontario's dental patients is not necessarily deleterious for dentists. In crafting new policies, it is imperative that we avail ourselves of the most robust data and avoid decisions driven by emotions or unsound statistics. Furthermore, we must always consider the possibility of unintended side effects scuttling noble intentions. A perfect example is the effect that pandemic restrictions had on the availability of dental auxiliary staff; a situation which is still having a negative influence on dentists and the public alike.

This is a very important time at the RCDSO. We are currently modernizing our governance structure to accede to Ministry directives. We are also working hard at updating many of the RCDSO standards of practice, as well as creating guidance for use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in dentistry. I am proud to be involved in all of these initiatives. With the support of the registrants in my district, I hope to continue to bring my frank, practical and data-driven perspective to the RCDSO Council.