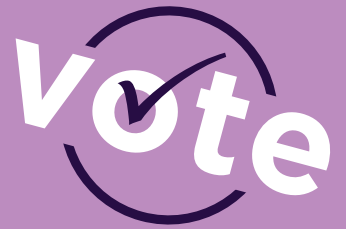




**Sandra  
YEUNG RACCO**



for **Mayor** of the City of  
**Vaughan**

- ✓ Proven Leadership.
- ✓ Proven Results.

Sandra Yeung Racco answers the call to step up to be the next Mayor of the City of Vaughan

**A proven leader who has been delivering results for 18 years as a City of Vaughan Councillor by working closely with Council colleagues, City staff and the citizens of Vaughan.**

**VAUGHAN, ON** – The following statement was issued by Sandra Yeung Racco, a public servant who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Vaughan for more than 18 years. First elected in 2003, Sandra is currently the longest serving Asian female politician in the City of Vaughan and York Region:

“After careful consideration and reflection on the work and accomplishments I have made over the past 18-plus years as local councillor, and evaluating the progress we, as Council, have made as a City, I have the acumen, the ability and the vision to be the next mayor of Vaughan.”

“I have demonstrated work ethic and tenacity, along with the principles of fairness, integrity, and accountability, and I will continue to lead Vaughan to the next stage of becoming the most desirable and welcoming place to live, work and play.”

“This decision did not come easy as there is still so much more work to be done in the City, especially within the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre area; however, I will continue to advocate and move the many desired infrastructure and community improvement projects forward with the co-operation of my colleagues, stakeholders and the community at large.”

“Together, working with my Council colleagues, City staff and the citizens of Vaughan, we will continue to build a City that is recognized for accountability, transparency, sustainability and innovation. Effective and balanced leadership is key to Vaughan’s success, and I am confident that I will lead the city through this next phase of growth and development.”

## **ABOUT Sandra Yeung Racco**

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco has worked tirelessly on behalf of her constituents for more than 18 years. She was first elected in 2003 and is currently the longest serving Asian female politician in the City of Vaughan and York Region. Now completing her fifth term on Vaughan Council, she has been a driving force in bringing new parks, community centres and vital services to her constituents. Additionally, she has played an integral role in arts and cultural initiatives, addressing the needs of youth and seniors, advocating for strong comprehensive development of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, and collaborating with various levels of government to get much needed infrastructure in place, including the opening of the subway into the City of Vaughan in December 2017.

Currently in her capacity as a City Councillor, Sandra serves as Vice-Chair of the Smart City Advisory Task Force and Chair of the Economic Prosperity Task Force, working with residents, businesses and other stakeholders to develop a vision of what a Smart City would mean for the City of Vaughan and ensuring we continue to support efforts to encourage sustainable economic growth in order to retain existing successful business leaders and innovators while attracting additional entrepreneurs and talents to grow our local prosperity. As well, over her years as an elected official, Sandra has participated and led a number of trade missions to China and Asia in hopes of developing, growing and nurturing international business relationships and bringing forward mutually beneficial and positive economic growth.

Sandra was born in Hong Kong, raised in Ontario, studied music and obtained her A.R.C.T. at the Royal Conservatory of Music and graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. After graduation, the Councillor ventured into the world of international business relations, developing an understanding of the needs of global business communities. However, it was her volunteer work with local non-profit community organizations and her experience working with diverse boards and committees across Toronto and Vaughan that endowed her with a nuanced appreciation of the fabric of the local community.

Sandra's background and experience blend business relations, the arts, family and a complex understanding of the needs and priorities of her constituents. She is committed to delivering results beyond the level of expectation and to building a vibrant city.

### **Present City of Vaughan Boards/Committees**

- Member of Council, City of Vaughan
- Chair, Hydro Vaughan Energy Corporation
- Chair, Economic Prosperity Task Force
- Vice-Chair, Mayor's Smart City Advisory Task Force
- Vice-Chair, Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Sub-Committee
- Vice-Chair, Audit Committee
- Member, Tourism Vaughan Corporation Board of Directors
- Member, Tourism Vaughan Advisory Committee
- Trustee, Vaughan Public Library Board
- Member, Ready Resilient Resourceful Committee
- Director, Vaughan Holdings Inc.
- Member, Finance, Administration and Audit Committee
- Member, Concord West Streetscape Community Advisory Committee

### **Other Committees, Boards and Task Forces**

- Chair, Vaughan International Music Festival
- Board of Governor, St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic School
- Chair, Governance Committee, St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic School
- Honorary Chair, Vaughan Mayor's Lunar Gala Committee
- President, Federation of Chinese Canadians in York Region (Vaughan Chapter)
- President, South York Region Women's Liberal Association
- Honorary Advisor, Canadian Multicultural Council, Asians in Ontario
- Honorary Chair and Opening Co-MC, Taste of Asia Festival
- Honorary Advisor, York Central Chinese Canadian Association
- Honorary Advisor, Vaughan Chinese Business Association (Chinese Business Council of Vaughan)
- Honorary Advisor, RoyalCrest Academy