

## Media Release

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For Immediate Release: **National Council of Women of Canada Urges Women to Vote May 2nd**

It has never been more important than right now for women in Canada to vote and make their voices heard according to Mary Scott, President of the National Council of Women of Canada. The Council represents over 500,000 women and more than 40 organizations across the country. With 21 percent of women undecided as reported by a Nik Nanos poll, women's votes matter in deciding this election.

Women's votes are crucial if they are to show their impatience with the lack of a clear plan for poverty reduction; a system of accessible, affordable and quality early childhood education and child care; affordable housing; equal pay for work of equal value; funding to support advocacy; defense of the long gun registry; neglect of the environment; elimination of violence against women and otherwise encourage factors that promote the equal participation of all women in Canadian society. Disregard for issues that matter to women must be stopped.

It's time to follow in the footsteps of women like the Famous Five and those who insisted that women be included in the Constitution and let everyone know we will not be silenced says Scott.

Women must think for themselves and ensure that they make the best use of their vote. Every vote matters. There's no time like the present to give those in power a strong message. Women count.

Get out to vote and organize your friends and family to join you.

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