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## **Julia Hanna announces run for Oakville Mayor**

A campaign focusing on resilience, reconnecting, and rebuilding

Oakville, ON. April 26, 2022 – Small business owner, community builder, and former chamber of commerce chair, Julia Hanna today announced her campaign for mayor of Oakville.

“A thriving Oakville, with opportunity for all, is the community that I envision,” said Hanna. “To secure this future, we need to build communities, not sprawl. This means strengthening and bridging our many distinct areas and neighborhoods.”

Hanna will be fearless in tackling the housing crisis, economic growth, smart development, transportation, and community infrastructure.

“The fight to protect Oakville’s future starts here,” said Hanna. “We need to address the social challenges our community faces: poverty among our children, community-based mental health and addiction support, food security, and aging in place for our seniors. It is my intention to work with community leaders to address these issues and build a resilient Oakville.”

Hanna ran in the 2018 election for Mayor and received over 42% of the votes. Her passion for Oakville inspires her to run again.

When elected, the first steps of a Hanna administration will be:

1. Conduct an independent audit to ensure fiscal accountability, transparency and effective fiscal management going forward.
2. Ensure responsible government through the implementation of an open-by-default policy of access to information, as seen increasingly across Canada and in democracies around the world. Stop the secrecy.
3. Launch a post-Covid recovery plan -a social and economic recovery regime called rebuild & reconnect.



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“After four decades as a small business owner there is one constant and purposeful reminder that the last two years have driven home with clarity: Not only will we recover, we will come out of it as a better and stronger community – otherwise, all will have been for naught.”

Julia has a rare combination of business acumen and genuine people skills. As a municipal leader, Hanna will engage, advocate, defend, and collaborate with all governments to achieve maximum support.

### **About Julia**

Julia began her journey into the business world at the age of 26, when she opened her first restaurant Café Galleria in Downtown Oakville. In 1993, Julia established Paradiso, which was the first Mediterranean-inspired restaurant in the city. After Paradiso, she developed Ristorante Julia which served the downtown Oakville community for over 15 years.

Her latest restaurant venture in North Oakville is Ritorno, which is a return to Julia's Italian roots. Ritorno invites guests to bring photos of their mothers and grandmothers to place on the Nonna Wall, in celebration of these remarkable women.

In 2009, with founding partner Longo's, Julia created HealthyFam, a not-for-profit hands-on program dedicated to empowering children through the knowledge of food. Julia received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow Award, in recognition of her work in the community.

Julia is an active member of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce and served as Chair for the 2012-2013 year. Julia also sat on the Downtown Oakville BIA Board of Directors between 2016 and 2018.

Julia's cooking show, Return to the Table with Julia on TV Cogeco is in its 10th season featuring guests who share their stories as they prepare a meal.

In the face of the pandemic, Julia created a new initiative called Ritorno Gives, a food security initiative that provides ready-to-eat meals to frontline workers, food-insecure families, and individuals. The program has provided over 3,500 meals to community partners, frontline/essential workers, and families in need.

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