

2026 Community Living Ontario Council Call for Nominations

Hello,

Nominations are now open for joining the Council of Community Living Ontario.

People who identify themselves as a self-advocate are eligible to enter their name as a candidate for a Council position.

Nominees are asked to notify their local associations of their interest in serving on the Council. It is important that elected Council members are backed by their local association and are supported to participate effectively.

Many present Council members participate independently without additional support, but many are also assisted by either their local association or their natural networks in the community. For example, people may need support in attending in-person meetings and presentations, access to a phone/computer to participate in email communications and monthly Zoom meetings, and support to attend the Annual General Meeting and Conference and other public events. These factors should all be considered by the candidate and their support systems before applying.

We encourage nominations from First Nations, Métis and Inuit, racialized, LGBTQ2S+, and all people who identify themselves as being a self-advocate. If you require any form of assistance connected to this application, please let us know.

This year, we have six (6) positions available on the Council of Community Living Ontario, all for a two-year term.

Interested candidates are asked to submit their completed [nomination form](#), **including a head shot picture of themselves** for the election ballot, **by Friday, July 31st, 2026**, to: Angiza Nasiree, Manager of Inclusion Initiatives at: anasiree@communitylivingontario.ca

Once the nomination form is submitted and approved by CLO, candidates will be asked to create a **1-to-2 minute video** explaining why they would be a good Council member. People will be asked to send their video for use at our in-person CLO conference, taking place in September 2026 in Toronto/Markham Suites Conferences Centre & Spa, Markham, Ontario. Please send the video to Angiza Nasiree **by Wednesday, August 19th, 2026**, at: anasiree@communitylivingontario.ca

Please note: To keep things fair, nominees are asked to **not** send election related emails about themselves prior to the conference or share pamphlets and other reading materials at the conference.

The Council election will take place at the CLO conference on Thursday, September 17th, 2026, during morning hours. The election will also be available online for people to participate remotely.

Please Review:

- The submission deadline for the [Council Nomination Form](#) with a head shot picture is **Friday, July 31st, 2026**.
- If your submission is approved, your deadline for the 1-to-2 minute video is **Wednesday, August 19th, 2026**.
- For a detailed explanation of the nomination process in video format, click [HERE](#).

Responsibilities of Council members:

It is important that each interested candidate review the following materials to make sure a position on the Council is right for them.

It is expected that Council members will **attend monthly Council meetings** on Zoom. The Council and Manager of Inclusion Initiatives will work together with natural support systems and local member agencies to ensure each Council member's success; however, if a member is unsuccessful at fulfilling their role, it is at CLO's discretion to appoint a new member to take the person's place. Obviously, replacing someone is something everyone would like to avoid, so it is important that nominees and their supports are aware of expectations before applying.

Composition:

The Council consists of a maximum of 12 elected members from across the province. At least one representative from each of the following geographical areas will be voted onto Council: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and Central

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please email **Angiza Nasiree**, Manager, Inclusion Initiatives at: anasiree@communitylivingontario.ca

We thank you for your interest in the election process of Council. We hope you consider applying.