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# Former PC leadership candidate Tanya Granic Allen to run in Mississauga-Centre

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Former Ontario Provincial Conservative leadership candidate Tanya Granic Allen has announced she will be running in the Mississauga-Centre riding for the 2018 provincial election.

"If the good residents of Mississauga-Centre will have me, I would love to be their representative at Queen's Park," she said in an interview on CP24 on Friday afternoon, March 23.

Granic Allen added, housing affordability is one of the city's major concerns and she looks forward to tackling the issue if she wins the nomination.

Earlier this month, Ontario PC Party Leader Doug Ford announced Mississauga-Centre would be one of three ridings that would be holding new nomination races.

Granic Allen, 37, heads Parents as First Educators, an organization that is opposed to Ontario's sex education curriculum. She was an outspoken critic on the Liberal government's updated curriculum during her campaign.

A longshot to win the PC leadership race, Granic Allen finished fourth behind Caroline Mulrone, Christine Elliott and newly minted leader Doug Ford.

On Tuesday, March 20, Granic Allen teased that



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**Former Progressive Conservative leadership candidate Tanya Granic Allen poses for pictures after the PC leadership candidates debate at TVO studios in Toronto.**

she would be running for a seat at Queen's Park.

"Will I run for the legislature? Maybe! If yes, am considering Brampton Centre, Mississauga Centre and Newmarket-Aurora. Stay tuned."

The same day, Toronto city Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti announced he would seek the PC party nomination in Brampton-Centre.

Mammoliti's nomination has received mixed reviews on social media, with several people claiming Ford is parachuting his chosen candidates into open ridings.

"In my opinion, Brampton Centre does not need a representative that has been placed into our communities. We need representation that lives, has worked and understands the needs in our riding and

ward," said Michael Gyo-vai, Brampton resident and former trustee candidate in the Peel District School Board.

Mammoliti is up against Harjit Jaswal, who came second to federal NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh in the 2014 Bramalea-Gore-Malton provincial race.

Nominations will be re-open for Brampton North and Newmarket-Aurora as well, according to PC Party president Jag Badwal.

Mississauga Centre is one of the city's reconstituted provincial ridings. The other ridings will reflect the 2015 federal election boundaries and will include: Mississauga-Erin Mills, Mississauga East-Cooksville, Mississauga-Lakeshore, Mississauga-Streetsville and Mississauga-Malton.