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PCs quickly name Tanya Granic Allen's replacement in Mississauga Centre

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Tanya Granic Allen is out in Mississauga Centre. Natalia Kusendova is in.

The Ontario Progressive Conservative (PC) Party wasted little time naming Granic Allen's replacement following a statement from party leader, Doug Ford, on Twitter on Saturday night announcing the end of her candidacy.

Ford tweeted the following statement at around 6:30 p.m.:

"Tanya Granic Allen will no longer be a candidate for the Ontario PC Party. We are party comprised of people with diverse views that if expressed responsibly we could respect. However, the fact is her characterization of certain issues and people has been irresponsible. Our party remains focused on defeating Kathleen Wynne and bringing



Natalia Kusendova

relief to families across Ontario."

Two hours later, he issued another tweet reading: "Congratulations to @NatKusendova, the runner-up for Mississauga Centre, and our PC Candidate. She is a welcome addition to our strong and diverse PC team. I look forward to working with her to defeat Kathleen Wynne on June 7. #onpoli #pcpo"

According to her bio on the Kusendova nomination candidate website, she has lived in Mississauga Centre for the past 16 years.

She is a registered nurse

in the emergency department at Etobicoke General Hospital, and also works the Vanier Centre for Women, a correctional facility.

"I am humbled and honoured by this decision. I will work tirelessly for the people of MC, my neighbors (sic) and stand up for issues that are important. Together with Doug Ford, we will bring relief to Ontario families, our patients and our seniors," wrote Kusendova on her Twitter account.

Granic Allen, who did not respond to requests for comment by The Mississauga News, also took to Twitter in response to the party's decision to cut her loose.

"I'm disappointed to have been told by @fordnation's campaign manager that I'm no longer a candidate. I'll have more to say about this and Ontario politics in the coming days. #onpoli"