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in Housing

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## **MUNIR SHEIKH**

Munir Sheikh is an Executive Fellow at the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary. He recently served as a co-Commissioner of Ontario's Social Assistance Review, which submitted its Report to the Government of Ontario on transforming the program in October 2012.

He served the Government of Canada in many senior level positions including the Chief Statistician of Canada, Deputy Minister of Labour, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Expenditure Review at the Privy Council Office, Associate Deputy Minister, first at Health Canada and then at Finance Canada, and Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Tax Policy at Finance Canada.

Mr. Sheikh holds a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Western Ontario and a Masters in Economics from McMaster University. He has published extensively in academic journals in the areas of international economics, macroeconomics and public finance. His work has been widely quoted and reproduced in textbooks and included in books of collected readings. He also taught at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa for many years.

## **MEL CAPPE, O.C.**

Mel Cappe is Professor in the School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto. From 2006-2011 he was President of the Institute for Research on Public Policy. Prior to that for four years he was High Commissioner for Canada to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Before that he served as Clerk of the Privy Council, Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of the Public Service. Earlier in his career he held senior economic and policy positions in the Departments of Finance and Industry. He was Deputy Secretary to the Treasury Board, Deputy Minister of the Environment, Deputy Minister of Human Resources Development, Deputy Minister of Labour and Chairman of the Employment Insurance Commission. He has graduate degrees in Economics from the Universities of Western Ontario and Toronto and honorary doctorates from both. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and recipient of the Queen's Diamond and Golden Jubilee Medals.

## **J. DAVID HULCHANSKI**

J. David Hulchanski is a Professor of Social Work at the University of Toronto and holds the Dr. Chow Yee Ching Chair in Housing. His research includes a focus on neighbourhood and community planning, homelessness and discrimination and the human rights and social policy issues that arise from such issues. He recently conducted a study documenting the degree to which the voluntary census distorts Canada's income distribution by comparing its data to tax data. He concluded that the data from the voluntary Household survey are not valid and should be withdrawn.

## **CAROL GOAR**

Carol Goar has been a journalist for more than 35 years. She is an editorial columnist for the Toronto Star. She has won two National Newspaper Awards with the Star. She previously served as the newspaper's editorial page editor, Washington bureau chief and national affairs columnist. Prior to joining the Star, Goar also worked for Maclean's, the Ottawa Citizen and Canadian Press.

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