

Hon. Judy A. Sgro is a distinguished Canadian politician who has been serving as an elected official for over 30 years. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service, and has served in various capacities at both the federal and municipal levels of government.

Judy's political career began in 1988 when she was elected to North York City Council and then to Toronto City Council, where she focused on poverty reduction and crime prevention. In 1999, Judy was elected to the Canadian House of Commons as the MP for York West (now Humber River-Black Creek). Since then, she has worked tirelessly to advance an agenda that is progressive, respectful of human rights, and promotes equality and religious freedom.

Judy's impressive record of accomplishments has earned her widespread recognition, her mentoring skills earned her Best Mentor Category at Maclean's Parliamentarians of the Year awards in both 2017 and 2018. This prestigious honor underscores her outstanding contributions to the Canadian political landscape and her commitment to advancing important causes.

More recently, Judy received the Order of Merit from the Government of Taiwan, in recognition of her exceptional leadership and contributions to promoting trade relations and cultural exchanges between Canada and Taiwan.

Judy has held several important roles in government, including serving as Chair of the Prime Minister's Task Force on Urban Issues, where she was appointed by Jean Chretien and played a pivotal role in establishing the national gas tax rebate, treating municipalities as a partner in building a strong Canada. She served as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration from 2003 to 2005, when she was appointed by then Prime Minister Paul Martin. In this role, she championed family reunification and systemic fairness.

Judy currently Chairs several important committees, including the Standing Committee on International Trade, the House Liaison Committee, the Canada-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group, the Parliamentary Friends of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at and the Parliamentary Friends of Falun Gong.

In addition to her political career, Judy has been an active member of various organizations, including the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association, the Villa Charities Foundation, the York West Active Living Centre and served as President of the local Canadian Cancer Society for several years.

Judy continues to be an influential figure in Canadian politics and remains committed to serving her community and advancing important issues. She has always emphasized the importance of finding something one cares about and putting time into that issue to be a part of a team that advances that agenda, and she exemplifies this principle with her work in Ottawa and Toronto.