

From: Kianoush Farahani  
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 9:03 PM  
To: Joe DiPaola  
Cc: Dave Barrow; David West, Gloria Collier  
Subject: Territorial Land Acknowledgement

Hello Joe,

I am one of your constituents and learned that you opposed the territorial land acknowledgement proposed by David West.

What I hear with your concerns regarding land registries and extending the acknowledgments to other communities in Richmond Hill is that you may not be aware of the impacts on first nations peoples of colonialism and settlements.

I hope that you will read the the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action as laid out on the Government of Canada's website.

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1524494530110/1524494579700>

Land registries and land titles are not impacted by a simple acknowledgement of who's traditional territory we currently have the privilege of living and working on.

The communities of which you speak of, Iranian, Chinese, Italian, etc (of which I am a member of) did not have the lands of Richmond Hill either stolen from them or forced into treaties that have not been honoured by the government to date.

I recall meeting you, Joe, on my driveway when you were campaigning door to door. You seemed like a nice, sincere gentleman, one who cares for the feelings and well beings of his fellow community members. The steps I have seen you take to block David's proposal, seem counter to the person the kind person I met on my driveway. I ask with all sincerity that you kindly take some time to review the link I provided above, to help learn about the past and current grievances and harms to our First Nations friends.

Best Regards,

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