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Subject: Tucci Submission and Request for it to be added to Public Record for 28
May 2019 Council Meeting

Greetings Ms. Collier, Councillors and local area residents.

I will be unable to attend the Council Meeting of Tuesday 28 May 2019, but request that the attached document be provided to the members of Council as part of the Public Record for that meeting.

I am opposed to the proposed changes to the Committee of the Whole which would see any Councillor appointed as "Chair for life" of this City Council's mandate.

Please see my submissions attached.

Best Regards,

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URGENT AND IMPORTANT

Dear Sirs and Ladies,

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Re: 28 May 2019 Councillor Perrelli Motion to consolidate *Committee of the Whole* Chair and Vice-Chair Positions under Councillors Beros and DiPaolo.

I have reviewed Councillor Perrelli's proposal to consolidate control of the *Chair* and *Vice-Chair* positions for the *Committee of the Whole* under Councillors Beros and DiPaolo respectively. As a resident of Ward 4, I am firmly opposed to this measure. Councillor Beros is not my Ward Councillor and I do not believe that Regional Councillor DiPaolo ran on a platform to personally consolidate any powers over *Committee of the Whole* business during the last election.

I have reviewed the following "whereas statements" justifying this proposal along with the following "Be it further resolved" statement and have the following comments and suggestions below them:

...Whereas many Councillors have expressed that they do not wish to continue the custom of rotating Committee of the Whole Chairs;
Whereas many Councillors have expressed that they do not wish to take a turn Chairing the Committee of the Whole;
Whereas many Councillors have expressed their outmost confidence in the manner which Councillor Beros Chairs Committee of the Whole meetings;...
Be It Further Resolved that Deputy Mayor/Regional and Local Councillor DiPaola be appointed Vice-Chair for the Committee of the Whole for the rest of this term."

Who are these “many councillors”? We have six (6) Ward Councillors and as I’m typing this at least three (3) of them are opposed to this measure to consolidate this kind of control of the Committee of the Whole. Having “outmost confidence” in how Mr. Beros Chairs Committee of the Whole meetings can be given an inconsistent meaning, as “outmost” literally means “furthest away”. Regardless, the residents of Wards two (2) to six (6) did not vote for Mr. Beros and I want my Local Councillor to have his rightful turn as Chair in due course, as I am sure my neighbours are or would be. As I am further sure the vast majority of the residents of Wards two (2) through six (6) would be if they were made aware of this proposal.

Why is Regional Councillor DiPaola to be made permanent “Vice-Chair”? The established procedure is for the last Committee of the Whole Chair to be Vice-Chair. That would now be David West from my Ward. I’m sorry, but this proposal can more than reasonably be interpreted as an attempt by certain members of City Council to consolidate “taking over” of the *Committee of the Whole* and its business.

I urge Council to vote down Councillor Perrelli’s Motion to Consolidate Power over the *Committee of the Whole* via the appointment Councillor Beros as its “*Chairman for life*” and Regional Councillor DiPaola as “*Vice-Chairman for life*” for the entire duration of this City Council.

If certain members of Council wish to defer to Mr. Beros when it would otherwise be their turn to Chair the Committee of the Whole, then they should be allowed to explicitly do so. *Perhaps this can be a compromise position the moving parties would be willing to accept?* Meanwhile, the appointment process for the Vice-Chair should remain unchanged in any event.

And “not for anything”, but I would feel remiss if I did not bring up the “Banshee Court” matter again. Frankly, the incident *literally* does encourages me to have the “*outmost confidence*” in whoever thought it was suitable to use an *Emergency Motion* to name a street after something associated with: “*In Irish and Scottish mythology, the **banshee** is a "fairy woman" whose mournful wail heralds an imminent death.*” (Banshee (Disambiguation) – Wikipedia... now googled in less than 10 seconds).

Will the same Councillors who supported the *Banshee Court Emergency Motion* now support this proposal? Even though it would clearly serve to consolidate power over the *Committee of the Whole* and its business? Councillors, please don’t do this.

All the above is respectfully submitted.

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