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Subject: Please Allow Residents to Vote for A Better Richmond Hill !

Clerk,

This is my speech at the council meeting yesterday. Please include it in the council meeting minutes. Thank you.

Regards,

John Li

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Good Morning Acting Mayor and the Council,

Today, I am speaking On Behalf of the **Richmond Hill Umbrella Residents Group** (RHURG) to Express our Concerns about the current Embarrassing situation of City Council.

Since the former mayor Dave Barrow took sick leave, Richmond Hill Council has struggled to function. In order to compete for the seat of the mayor or acting mayor, **Councillors have disrupted proceedings and attacked each other during public meetings**, which many residents find Disgusting. The interests of residents and basic professional ethics have been completely ignored; **Our residents Have Had ENOUGH! Here is our Statement:**

1. The mayor is the mayor of all Richmond Hill residents. The position is Not a Commodity for any of you to bargain with. Regardless of whether the vacant mayor's seat is filled through a by-election or by appointment, **Residents MUST be allowed to participate.**
2. The use of a lottery to select the mayor is **an INSULT to democracy** and **an INSULT** to the 200,000 residents of Richmond Hill
3. In order for the residents of Richmond Hill to exercise **their constitutional rights**, we require the mayor to be elected through a by-election and **Allow Online Voting** for this by-election.

Democratic government is Not Negotiable in Canada. All members of Council must remember they were elected to serve the Best Interests of RH Residents. **We can afford a cup of coffee per resident to vote for A Better Richmond Hill. Please allow residents to vote for A Better Richmond Hill!**

Thank you

John Li, on behalf of

Richmond Hill Umbrella Residents Group