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Subject: Councillor Beros' Member Motion for June 8th Council Meeting

I am writing to state in the strongest terms possible my opposition to Councillor Beros' motion to reverse the October decision to make Councillor Perrelli pay for his Enviro Day Event.

As someone who follows Council meetings closely, I am very familiar with the well established pattern of Councillor Beros and Councillor Perrelli using their positions to assist each other on a wide range of motions. This cynical arrangement has been maintained not with the best interests of Richmond Hill residents in mind, but rather for the purposes of fostering personal political gain. This can be seen clearly in this particular motion.

Councillor Perrelli constantly references his antipathy to any increase in property taxes. His by-election campaign signs specifically touted this as a personal accomplishment. Yet, Councillor Perrelli has no problem spending taxpayer's money when he feels he can personally benefit from doing so. The Enviro Day event communication to the residents trumpeted it as a personal mission and his name and face were front and centre in information sent to residents. This was entirely inappropriate. Clearly, whether the City charges residents or does not charge residents for recycling bins should be a decision made by Council after consulting with relevant City Staff members. Residents who require a new recycling bin should be able to interact with the City on any day, and not just on slickly promoted 'Enviro Days'. Every day should be one where residents can expect the City to support environmentally responsible initiatives. Furthermore, Councillor Perrelli's inconsistent history with this issue reveals that he is most concerned with scoring political points with voters rather than contributing to a consistent policy that is fiscally and environmentally responsible. His latest gambit to promote free delivery of blue bins also smacks of self-promotion and short term thinking; how will reinforcing an 'Amazon' style delivery service help residents see that each one of us has a responsibility to consider the environment in all of our actions?

I firmly believe that I am not alone among Richmond Hill residents who are tired of Councillor Perrelli spending taxpayer's money on initiatives that are really little more than

self-promotion. I am also tired of Councillor Beros consistently supporting Councillor Perrelli no matter the issue so that he can be supported in kind.

In addition to money we know about, there is the troubling issue of money that we never hear about. I am speaking of current and past lawsuits against the City that were prompted by the actions of Councillor Perrelli and others, and that get settled with non-disclosure agreements that are both cynical and anti-democratic in their choking of transparency.

It is time that Council stands up to Councillor Perrelli and other Councillors who continue to engage in using the Council as their own means of self and political enrichment at taxpayer's expense. The citizens of Richmond Hill are not blind to what is going on. I implore Council to do the right thing and to vote against Councillor Beros' motion.

Sincerely,
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