

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

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**Congratulations to K'naan - by Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Mayor Miller**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Mayor Miller recommends that:

1. Toronto City Council on behalf of the citizens of Toronto officially extend congratulations and thanks to Kanaan Warsame, a poet and hip hop artist, born in Somalia but raised in Toronto for penning and performing the official song for the 2010 World Cup of Soccer to be held in South Africa next summer.

**Summary**

Kanaan Warsame, known across the city and around the world as K'naan, is an impressive artist from North Etobicoke, who has brought international acclaim and attention to our city.

K'naan is one of hundreds of young emerging artists in Toronto who have been supported by the City's community grants program. Even as his career takes off internationally, K'naan continues to give back to the community by mentoring youth in Toronto through city-funded programmes like ReMix.

Loved by his community, admired by all in his adopted City, K'naan will have all of our support when he takes centre stage this summer, as billions around the world tune in to watch the beautiful sport and listen to our beautiful City's youth sing out.

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