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Dear Council Colleagues,

Please accept this letter as my official refusal to accept any reimbursement for legal expenses related to MM42.3.

For the record, I have long ago paid ALL legal expenses related to this matter.

As Councillor, it has always been my view that City Council debates and decisions must be based on the best interests of the city.

Accordingly, this letter instructs the City Clerk and CFO that, with regard to MM42.3, I will not accept any reimbursement for legal costs under any circumstances.

Nevertheless, I believe strongly that the lack of protections for newly-elected Councillors being sued by unsuccessful candidates strikes a blow to our democratic system by discouraging citizens to run for office.

This issue needs to be addressed by intelligent solutions recommended by this Council.

Furthermore, appropriate protections should be enshrined in both the Ontario Municipal Elections Act and the City of Toronto Act.

As Councillors, we must conduct ourselves in an honourable way if we are to set an honourable example. I trust my actions will allow Council to focus on what is in the best interests of the city.

Regards,



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