

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Mayor Miller**

**Seconded by: Councillor Fletcher**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Mr. Julius Deutsch on Monday, February 4, 2010.

Julius was a friend, mentor, inspiration, and trusted advisor to all of his many colleagues in the labour movement and in struggles for social, economic and environmental justice. As a dedicated electoral organizer, he worked on countless federal, provincial and municipal campaigns on behalf of the labour movement and the New Democratic Party. He was a particularly dedicated mentor to young people across Toronto and Ontario, always available to offer advice or assistance to an emerging community leader.

For the last ten years Julius served as the Executive Assistant to the President of the Toronto and York Region Labour Council. He formerly served as Chief of Staff to the Ontario Minister of Citizenship from 1990 to 1995. For decades Julius was a fixture in campaign offices across Toronto whenever a writ was dropped and on doorsteps anywhere a battle for the hearts and minds of the electorate was being waged. In recent years, he emerged as a champion for green jobs, bringing together environmentalists, the labour movement, community groups and young people from across the City to work towards a greener and more equitable future for all.

Like many Torontonians, Julius came to Canada when he was a boy, travelling with his mother and siblings on a ship from Australia. He knew first hand of the daily struggles and barriers many of our fellow Torontonians face as they work to build new lives and contribute to the fabric of our society, our City and our Country. Throughout his life Julius remained passionately devoted to working with those whose voices are rarely heard in the corridors of power. This devotion did not falter, even in these last few months when from his hospital bed he continued to offer his insight, hard work, and passion on yet another campaign, cause or strategy.

Many in this Chamber, and across Toronto, Ontario and Canada, owe Julius an immeasurable debt of gratitude for his clarity of thought, sage counsel, boundless energy and his unwavering determination to build a just society and green future for all. An irresistible force in the political realm, he also held a deep passion for the arts. Julius treasured his family - his long-time partner Bob Hambley, sister Grace Deutsch, brother-in-law Paul Goulet and nieces Jessica, Meara and Julia. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Mr. Julius Deutsch's family.

February 22, 2010