

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Grimes

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mario Vázquez Raña on February 8, 2015.

A successful businessman by career, Mr. Vázquez Raña was the longest-serving president of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), one of the five continental sports organizations that represent the world's National Olympic Committees (NOCs).

Along with his presidency, Mr. Vázquez Raña led Olympic Solidarity, the International Olympic Committee division which funnels marketing and TV rights revenues to the NOCs and was instrumental in securing revenues of over \$400 million every four years.

Mr. Vázquez Raña's involvement with the Olympics began with the Mexico City Games of 1968 where he worked on the organizing committee and later became president of the Mexico NOC. He led the organizing committee for the 1975 Pan-American Games in Mexico City and became the first president of the Association of National Olympic Committees in 1979.

Mr. Vázquez Raña will be remembered for his resolve to increase the fortunes of NOCs and his support for the Pan American Games which has grown into one of the largest multi-sport events in history. He is instrumental in bringing ANOC to the position it is in today and leaves behind a very strong and successful Pan American Sports Organization.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Mario Vázquez Raña's family.

February 10, 2015