

To: Executive Committee

From: Councillor Kyle Rae

Subject: Vienna Declaration

Attached you will find a document entitled "The Vienna Declaration" which is a scientific statement seeking to improve community health and safety by calling for the incorporation of scientific evidence into illicit drug policies. Scientists, health practitioners and the public are being invited to endorse this document in order to bring these issues to the attention of governments and international agencies, and to illustrate that drug policy reform is a matter of urgent international significance.

Given that the City of Toronto has practised and supported several Harm Reduction models in the fight against AIDS, such as needle exchange since 1987, access to methadone treatment, alcohol management programs and condom distribution, I am asking City Council to demonstrate its long held leadership on this matter.

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City Councillor