

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Councillor Adam Vaughan**

**Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of David Franklin Noble on December 27, 2010.

David F. Noble was an internationally acclaimed scholar and courageous activist, most recently on the faculty of York University. Born in New York City, he had held positions at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Smithsonian Institution and Drexel University, as well as many visiting professorships.

Professor Noble rose to prominence for his critiques of technological automation, which he argued had been a method of depriving workers of power. Dave prized truth, justice and integrity and he often found himself in conflict with powers-that-be. His numerous books challenged core ideas and major institutions of technology, science, corporate capitalism and higher education. As a relentless activist against injustice, he took the risks that no one else would take.

Despite his public persona, Dave was an intensely sweet, loving and compassionate person, a proud father of three talented daughters, and a loving husband who celebrated life. He treasured his summers in the Vermont woods with his family, his many devoted friends, colleagues and allies, and the transcendent pleasure of music and nature.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to David F. Noble's family.

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