

Submitted by Councillor Thompson

A Membership / Social Service Agency serving the Black and Caribbean Community; providing Cultural Integration & Settlement to New Immigrants, Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Youth and Family Services, Counselling to Women who are Survivors of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault and Employment Preparation for Experienced Workers



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July 15, 2013

Mr. Michael Thompson
Councillor, City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West, Ste. B24
Toronto, ON
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Re: Welfare of Immigrant Children

Dear Councillor Thompson:

The Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) strongly endorses the recommendations put forward in the report prepared by the City Managers regarding the Welfare of Immigrant Children. It is incumbent upon us a civilized society to address the gaps in the system that allows our most vulnerable members of society to become victims. We must not allow another Melanie Biddersingh situation to occur.

We are therefore asking that the Toronto City Council accepts these recommendations and allow the process to continue. The goal must be to create a system where children coming into this country are given the security and necessary support to ensure a safe and prosperous future.

The JCA is a non-profit charitable organization that has provided important cultural and social services to the community for 50 years. The JCA offers a wide range of social services, which support the diverse needs of the Jamaican, Caribbean and African-Canadian families including seniors.

Sincerely,

Audrey Campbell
President