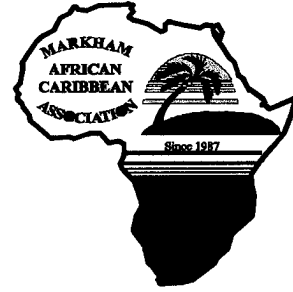


Submitted by
Councillor Thompson

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Mr. Michael Thompson
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Re: Welfare of Immigrant Children

Dear Councillor Thompson,

The Markham African Caribbean Association (MACA) strongly supports the broad initiative of the Immigrant Children Working Group (ICWG) in general; and the five (5) recommendations in particular, as presented in the Staff Action Required Report Ref. # 17210 dated June 11, 2013 to the Community Development and Recreation Committee, City of Toronto.

We consider these recommendations as necessary first steps to identify, arrest, reduce and finally eliminate the abuse and mistreatment faced by newcomer children and will assist the most vulnerable of immigrant children from systematic abuse and neglect, specifically children that immigrate to Canada to be reunited with their parent(s) after a long period of separation. Therefore, it is imperative that the Toronto City Council accepts these recommendations.

The Markham African Caribbean Association is a community based registered non-profit educational and cultural organization that was established in 1987. The primary aim of the Association is to provide a broad range of cultural and educational programs to the African Caribbean-Canadian community, and at the same time facilitating their participation in the decision making process of mainstream institutions.

Sincerely,

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