

CD12.6.2

Cesar Palacio



City Councillor - Ward 17 • Davenport

May 17, 2016

TO: CHAIR & MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

RE: CD12.6 – 2015 Allocations: Community Legacy Initiative, Follow-up

The purpose of this communication is to ask your respected Committee to defer item CD12.6 - 2015 Allocations: Community Legacy Initiative, Follow-up, until the October 20, 2016 committee meeting, for the purpose of allowing my office to set up a town hall meeting with all the Hispanic community leaders, organizations and City staff from Social Development, Finance & Administration, in an effort to reach a compromise satisfactory to all the Hispanic community.

I am strongly concerned with City staff's recommendations before your committee and I believe it would be wise to defer this item until October. As the only Hispanic Toronto City Councillor, I will be more than glad to organize a public meeting with the community along with City staff in the next coming weeks. Furthermore, for the past few weeks I have spoken to a number of community groups and it was agreed it would be beneficial to further consult with the community before any funds are released.

In view of this, I am requesting that this item be <u>deferred</u> to October's Committee meeting, so that I can organize a formal town hall meeting with all of the community members.

I hope that you give every consideration to this missive requesting a deferral of this item. Thank you for your consideration towards this request.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Motion to defer Item CD12.6: Request the Community Development and Recreation Committee to defer item CD12.6 until October 20, 2016 committee meeting, to allow Councillor Palacio to organize a town hall meeting with all the community leaders, organizations and City staff of Social Development, Finance & Administration in an effort to reach a consensus satisfactory to all the Hispanic community as we move forward.

Sincerely yours,

Cesar Palacio Toronto City Councillor Ward 17 - Davenport