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Ministerio
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May 3rd, 2016

Dear Toronto City Council members,

I am writing to lend my strong support towards the proposed motion of the "Earthquake Disaster Relief Assistance for Ecuador"

As a representative of the Republic of Ecuador in Toronto, its people and institutions, we are working to get as much help as we can for the victims of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit the Ecuadorian coastal region on April 16, 2016.

As such we strongly believe that the proposal being put forward by Councillor Palacio to formally request the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to provide disaster relief assistance in response to the Ecuadorian earthquake catastrophe.

The affected cities, are facing a major humanitarian emergency and we have to act as fast as we can. In particular, we feel that this proposal will greatly assist to relieve the most basic needs for all the people who had lost everything, including their loved ones. We also believe this will significantly assist with the reconstruction of schools, hospitals, daycare facilities, and lost homes in the affected regions of the country.

For these reasons noted above, we strongly urge Toronto City Council to approve this Motion being brought forward on May 3, 2016.

Sincerely,


Rolando Vera Rodas



Consul General of Ecuador in Toronto



CRISTINA MARTINS, MPP

Davenport

May 4th, 2016

Re: Motion Regarding Earthquake Disaster Relief Assistance for Ecuador

Dear Toronto City Council Members,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed motion on the "Earthquake Disaster Relief Assistance for Ecuador" that will be brought forth by Councillor for Ward 17, Cesar Palacio.

On April 16th 2016, more than 2500 people were injured in a 7.8 magnitude quake, which ripped apart buildings, homes and roads, and knocked out power along the Pacific coastline. After the disaster the death toll resulting from the earthquake continued to rise up to over 600, including four Canadians.

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Davenport I know that the City of Toronto as well as my riding is home to an active and engaged Hispanic-Latino community with family, business and cultural ties to the people of Ecuador.

There are several aspects of the motion proposed by Councillor Palacio that will considerably help the people of Ecuador. It requests the "matching of funds" and the deployment of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) by the Government of Canada that will provide much needed assistance. The motion will also request the City of Toronto to act upon the request from the Office of Emergency Management Ontario to provide urgent disaster relief assistance, and assist in cleanup operations as well as long-term reconstruction. Importantly, the motion will also ask the City of Toronto to follow the lead of the Government of Ontario with a donation of \$500,000 to the Canadian Red Cross for Disaster relief efforts.

I feel that this proposal will greatly assist the people of Ecuador in the short term to help save lives and in the long term to help rebuild the areas that were destroyed by the earthquake.

For these reasons, I strongly urge Toronto City Council to approve this Motion being brought forward on May 4th, 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Cristina Martins
MPP, Davenport



Asociación de Ecuatorianos en Ontario Association of Ecuadorians in Ontario

Date: May 3, 2016.

Name: Patricio Viera.

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Organization/Institution: Association of Ecuadorians in Ontario

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Dear Toronto City Council members,

On behalf of the large community of Ecuadorians, Latin-Americans and Canadians living in Toronto and the province of Ontario.

I am writing to lend my strong support towards the proposed motion of the "Earthquake Disaster Relief Assistance for Ecuador"

Our organization represents thousands of hard working Ecuadorians.

As such we strongly believe that the proposal being put forward by Councillor Palacio to formally request the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to provide disaster relief assistance in response to the Ecuadorian earthquake catastrophe, the community in Toronto are organizing multiple fundraising events to show our solidarity with are brothers in Ecuador.

In particular we feel that this proposal will greatly assist the most vulnerable people in Ecuador, (children and seniors)

For these reasons noted above, we strongly urge Toronto City Council to approve this Motion being brought forward on May 3, 2016.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors and Members of the AEO

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May 3, 2016

To the Members of Toronto City Council

Dear Toronto City Council Members,

I am writing to lend our organization's support for the proposed motion relating to "Earthquake Disaster Relief Assistance for Ecuador"

Our organization represents the interests of approximately one million Spanish-speaking people, with origins in more than twenty different countries, now living in Canada. The catastrophe that struck Ecuador, with the loss of human lives, thousands injured and even more left homeless is a human tragedy that we must all help to alleviate. Entire towns are now nothing but rubble. Communication and transportation is difficult as roads crumbled and in many places there are no utilities. The estimated costs of reconstruction exceed \$3 billion dollars. It is a tragedy that goes beyond borders.

We strongly stand behind the motion being put forward by Councillor Palacio to request the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to provide disaster relief assistance commensurate with the needs of the affected people.

In particular, we feel that this proposal will greatly assist with the reconstruction of homes schools, hospitals, and day care facilities lost in the affected regions of the country. We also believe that this will assist in re-establishing the long term care the people of Ecuador will require.

We look forward to Toronto City Council approving this Motion being brought forward on May 4, 2016.

Sincerely,

Eddy Ampuero

President
Canadian Hispanic Congress

May 2, 2016

Dear Toronto City Council members,

We are writing to lend our strong support towards the proposed motion of the "Earthquake Disaster Relief Assistance for Ecuador"

Our organization represents the Hispanic community, as we are part of the Hispanic Media in Toronto.

As such we strongly believe that the proposal being put forward by Councillor Palacio to formally request the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to provide disaster relief assistance in response to the Ecuadorian earthquake catastrophe we expect the City of Toronto to show solidarity and provide all the logistical and technical support it can in these type of natural disasters.

In particular we feel that this proposal will greatly assist the more vulnerable people, those most affected by the earthquake last April 16th, 2016.

For these reasons noted above, we strongly urge Toronto City Council to approve this Motion being brought forward on May 3, 2016.

Sincerely,



Enrique G. Villagra
Administration

Cc: Freddy Velez – Editor In Chief – Correo Canadiense



Toronto, May 3, 2016

Toronto City Council

Dear Toronto City Council members,

I am writing to lend my strong support towards the proposed motion of the "Earthquake Disaster Relief Assistance for Ecuador"

We are a non-for-profit group that promote Hispanic arts and culture in Toronto and the GTA.

We strongly believe that the proposal being put forward by Councillor Palacio to formally request the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to provide disaster relief assistance in response to the Ecuadorian earthquake catastrophe with "matching funds" from the federal government and the deployment of DART. In particular we feel that this proposal will greatly assist to search and rescue, clean-up and long-term rebuilding efforts in Ecuador.

For these reasons noted above, we strongly urge Toronto City Council to approve this Motion being brought forward on May 3, 2016.

Sincerely,

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