

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Cesar Palacio**

Seconded by: **Mayor John Tory**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council along with Ecuadorian-Canadians and residents of Toronto are united in grief and shock at the magnitude caused by the massive 7.8 earthquake that struck off Ecuador's Pacific coast, 170 kilometres northwest of the nation's capital, Quito, on Saturday, April 16, 2016. This is the second most powerful tremor in Ecuador's history, and it was followed by subsequent powerful aftershocks that further impacted the entire country.

This catastrophe, according to UNICEF and the Canadian Red Cross, resulted in over 655 human fatalities, over 27,700 injured, along with tens of thousands homeless – leaving behind massive death and destruction along the coastal cities of Manta, Portoviejo, and Pedernales; resulting in more than 7,000 buildings being flattened, entire villages destroyed and roads and bridges being structurally compromised with the total financial impacts exceeding \$3 billion in economic losses.

This devastating disaster is particularly heartbreaking to many Torontonians as this City is home to over one hundred thousand residents of Ecuadorian heritage - many of whom have friends and family members directly affected. In a time of great sorrow, this nation and its people have shown strong perseverance and a willingness to rebuild their country.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the people of Ecuador through the Consulate General of Ecuador in Toronto.

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