

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Frances Nunziata

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Rani Rivera on August 3, 2016.

Rani Rivera spent most of her adult life as a social justice advocate, with particular attention to women who were marginalized due to issues with mental health and/or addiction. Rani's advocacy work led her to founding the program "Room", a consumer-survivor initiative helping young women between 16 and 30 years of age living with mental health and/or addiction issues. Rani's Room utilized the arts to help participants achieve a stronger sense of self while improving their own quality of life.

After founding Room, Rani moved on to the St. James Town Community Corner where she organized after-school activities for children and youth. More recently, through her position with Progress Place at the Weston Mount Dennis Community Hub, Rani supported those with mental health issues through her passion, dedication, and kind spirit.

While her life was brief, the profound impact Rani made on the lives of those who knew her will endure.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Rani Rivera's family.

October 5, 2016