



## REFERRAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY BY CITY COUNCIL

### Hate-Sponsored Rallies such as Al Quds Day

<b>Date:</b>	November 10, 2017
<b>To:</b>	Executive Committee
<b>From:</b>	City Council
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards

### City Council Decision

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City Council on November 7, 8 and 9, 2017, referred Administrative Inquiry IA34.1 from Councillor James Pasternak, Ward 10, York Centre and the Answer from the Deputy City Manager, Cluster A, to the Executive Committee for consideration.

### Summary

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Councillor James Pasternak submitted the following Administrative Inquiry:

"I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry under Municipal Code S27-61 to seek clarification of any potential options available to the City of Toronto to prevent hate-sponsored rallies from taking place on City or provincial property in Toronto.

There has been a growing trend of hate-infested rallies being held in public spaces such as the anti-Semitic Al Quds Day rally in Toronto and there have been threats to host white supremacist and neo-Nazi rallies in Toronto similar to those in the United States.

For the past several years there has been an Al Quds Day rally held in Toronto outside Queen's Park featuring speakers making anti-Semitic and anti-Christian remarks, spreading hatred, inciting violence and supporting of terrorist organizations such as Hamas. Al Quds Day was originally created to call for the destruction of the state of Israel. The rally in 2017 did not receive a permit to hold the event at Queen's Park or from the City of Toronto, however the event proceeded.

I am asking that the following information be provided:

1. Do the Toronto Police Service or City of Toronto have ability and what resources could they utilize to prohibit a rally that is inciting hatred and violence, such as Al Quds Day, white supremacist or neo-Nazi rallies, from taking place on City or provincial property in Toronto?"