

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak

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The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Jonathan Wyman and his children, Anna Aviva Wyman and John Kenneth Wyman, on Sunday, January 3, 2021.

Michael was born in Ottawa in 1980, growing up in both Ottawa and Toronto and attending Ashbury and Upper Canada Colleges. Michael was an accomplished lawyer, and began his legal career at a New York corporate law firm after attending Somerville College at Oxford University, followed by a law degree from the University of Toronto. In addition to law, Michael obtained his Chartered Financial Analyst certification in 2016, and worked on other entrepreneurial projects promoting solar and renewable energy initiatives. Though Michael had many passions, his greatest pride was being a loving husband to his wife Sarah, who he met while living in New York, and as a devoted and doting father to his two young children, Anna and John. In 2017, the Wyman family fulfilled their dream of living in California, recently moving to the small town of Petaluma, in Sonoma County. The family enjoyed Petaluma and loved spending time in the beautiful wilderness and beaches of the area. Tragically, on January 3rd, while the family was enjoying an outing at the beach in Goat Rock State Park in California, a sudden rogue wave swept John and Anna up into the current. Michael leapt to action, but the three were lost under the strong force of the ocean.

Anna is remembered as a lover of animals, wonderful sense of humour, and a caring and loyal friend, sister, and daughter. John is remembered as outgoing and friendly, a lover of dinosaurs, books, and puzzles, and as a caring and thoughtful friend, brother, and son. Michael is remembered as being incredibly dedicated to his family, caring and compassionate, a brilliant mind with a wonderful and wry sense of humour. Michael served as an unending source of wonder and joy to his children, and that legacy will live on and serve as a source of inspiration to friends and family and all those who knew him.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Jonathan Wyman, Anna Aviva Wyman and John Kenneth Wyman.

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