

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM12.12	ACTION			Ward: All
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Endorsing Toronto as a Signatory of the Strong Cities Network Fourth Global Summit New York City Mayoral Declaration in Fighting Hate, Extremism and Polarisation - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Mayor Olivia Chow, recommends that:

1. City Council endorse the Mayoral Declaration on Addressing Hate, Extremism and Polarisation, attached as Attachment 1 to this Motion, and support its enduring principles, goals and objectives.

Summary

The New York City Mayoral Declaration on Addressing Hate, Extremism and Polarisation was signed at Strong Cities Network Fourth Global Summit on September 23, 2023. Over 100 mayors from around the world endorsed this commitment to fight hate. The list of mayors supporting the declaration include Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow. Mayors from Kitchener, Montreal and Victoria were among the signatories.

The declaration enumerates a series of practical steps that mayors commit to take at home to address threats while promoting human rights. Consistent with the Strong Cities mission, the declaration includes a commitment to continue to share with and learn from each other in addressing these challenges.

With Toronto perhaps the most diverse city in the world it has a grave responsibility to promote social cohesion and fight hate in all its forms. Signatories to the declaration recognize "that unlocking the potential of city-led action in addressing hate, extremism and polarisation can make an immediate and sustainable difference to the peace and security of local communities and contribute to global efforts to strengthen social cohesion, promote stability and prevent conflict."

Background Information (City Council)

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Attachment 1: New York City Mayoral Declaration endorsed by Mayor Olivia Chow
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-240470.pdf>)

