

***Expression of Condolence for  
Giuseppe "Joe" Bonavota by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle**

**Seconded by: Councillor Anthony Peruzza**

The Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Giuseppe "Joe" Bonavota on April 28, 2023 at the age of 78.

Joe's warmth and humour always brought a smile to everyone he met. Joe worked for many years in a supermarket where he enjoyed meeting people and catching up with colleagues and friends. He loved making people laugh with his stories and was highly regarded as a mentor by so many who looked up to him. Joe is remembered for his generosity and always giving back to others. He was passionate about many things in life, but especially soccer and the Juventus Football Club. He was an exceptional soccer player and was considered a local soccer news expert, offering his take on games and players in Italian and English newspapers, radio, and television and his contribution was noted in the "Encyclopedia of Italian-Canadian Soccer Players."

Joe was dedicated to his family and will be deeply missed by his wife of 52 years, Rita, children Mary (John), and Christina (Trimaine) and grandchildren, Alessia, Aiden, Gia, and Delano. He was a wonderful uncle to his many nieces and nephews and will never be forgotten by his many siblings, family, and friends.

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

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