

The Honourable Victor Oh



L'honorable Victor Oh

CAFP

December 2, 2025

Chair and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee
City of Toronto, and Toronto City Council

Re: Support for the Asian Garden Project at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto

Dear Chair and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Asian Garden Project proposed by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto. After many years serving in public office and working closely with cultural communities across our country, I believe this project holds significant national importance and carries the potential to become a true Canadian landmark.

The Asian Garden will provide a meaningful public space that celebrates heritage, history, and cultural understanding. At the heart of the project, the planned Heritage Hall will showcase key chapters of the Chinese Canadian journey, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, the contributions and sacrifices of early Railroad Workers, and the long struggle for recognition and belonging. These stories form an essential part of our shared national history, and presenting them in a dedicated and accessible setting will help future generations understand both the hardships and the resilience that shaped our country.

Equally important is the project's commitment to preserving and presenting traditional Chinese architectural forms and artistic culture. The Asian Garden will offer visitors the opportunity to

experience authentic elements of ancient architecture, craftsmanship, and landscape design. This will enrich the cultural fabric of Toronto while creating a space that invites reflection, learning, and appreciation of the arts.

The Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto has served as a trusted and respected institution for decades. Its leadership, community partnerships, and cultural programs have made lasting contributions to the social and cultural life of the region. With this project, the Centre aims to build a public space that will benefit residents, strengthen intercultural understanding, and attract visitors from across Canada and abroad.

I am confident that the Asian Garden will stand as a significant cultural destination and a symbol of the diversity and unity that define our country. I respectfully encourage the City of Toronto to support this project and help bring this important vision to reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor Oh", with a horizontal line underneath.

The Honorable Victor Oh
Former Senator of Canada

