

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM26.13	ACTION			Ward: All
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### **Affirming Our Canadian Independence - by Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti**

*\* 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 Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti, recommends that:

1. City Council affirm that Toronto, as Canada's largest city, opposes any proposal for Canada to join the United States of America.
2. City Council forward this item to all Toronto Members of Parliament.

### **Summary**

For over a century and a half, Canada has had a deep and true friendship with its closest neighbour, ally and trading partner, the United States of America. However, this close friendship should never be confused with a desire to become one in the same entity.

Troubling statements originating from President Donald Trump have circulated in mass media and social media for weeks, which attempt to bring into question Canada's independence, our distinct culture and values, and suggest that our proud nation should become the 51st state of the United States of America.

As appalling and absurd as these messages are to Canadians, the comments could be used to distract from serious international relations discussions on issues that may have profound effects on our citizens, businesses and economy.

With the looming spectre of deep tariffs on cross border trade, it is now more important than ever that Toronto quash any fantasies that its citizens support, desire or aspire to be part of the 51st state of the United States of America.

Therefore, I recommend that City Council, on behalf of the three million citizens of Toronto, take a firm position against Canada becoming the 51st state of the United States of America.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM26.13

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-252701.pdf>)

