



## OLIVIA CHOW MAYOR

October 7, 2025

Dear Members of Council

**RE: Designating Councillor Cheng as Champion to Eradicate Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence**

At my first Council meeting of this term, City Council collectively declared intimate partner violence an epidemic. As you know, intimate partner and gender-based violence is a crisis that profoundly affects the lives of residents in every corner of our city. Addressing and ultimately eradicating this violence is a critical priority for my administration, requiring a coordinated, collaborative, and sustained municipal response.

To lead and galvanize the city's efforts against this devastating societal challenge, I am pleased to advise you of a key appointment. I have designated Councillor Lily Cheng as the Mayor's Champion to Eradicate Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence.

In this role, Councillor Cheng will serve as a dedicated advocate and convener, working to mobilize resources, streamline city division efforts, and strengthen partnerships with external service agencies, community groups, and survivor advocates. Her mandate will be to ensure that our strategies are evidence-based, community-informed, and focused on tangible outcomes that increase prevention, safety and support for survivors across Toronto.

I am confident that Councillor Cheng's leadership will elevate this critical issue, transforming commitments into real action. I urge all members of Council to support her in this important work and to collaborate closely with her office as we move forward with a renewed focus on making Toronto a safer city for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Olivia Chow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Olivia Chow  
Mayor of Toronto