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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 22, 2026 City Council meeting on item 2026.CC40.1, Payment of Legal Expenses Related to an Integrity Commissioner Investigation

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Comments:

Dear City Clerk and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the recommendation that City Council approve the reimbursement of \$20,807.61 in legal expenses incurred by Chris Moise in relation to the Integrity Commissioner's investigation.

This recommendation is deeply troubling **given that the Integrity Commissioner has already found the Councillor to be at fault**. Approving reimbursement under these circumstances sends a completely unacceptable message: that elected officials can violate standards of conduct and still have taxpayers cover the cost of their defense. That is not accountability—it is the opposite.

There is a fundamental fairness issue here. Residents of this city are expected to bear the consequences of their actions, yet Council is now being asked to shield one of its own from financial responsibility after **wrongdoing has been established**. This undermines public trust and erodes confidence in both Council and the Integrity Commissioner's office.

Frankly, it is infuriating to see public funds considered for this purpose at a time when many Torontonians are struggling with the cost of living and expect responsible stewardship of their tax dollars. This is not a gray area—it is a clear misuse of public money tied directly to a confirmed breach of conduct.

Approving this reimbursement would set a dangerous precedent that weakens accountability standards and signals that consequences for misconduct are optional for those in office.

I strongly urge Council to reject this recommendation and uphold the principles of integrity, accountability, and respect for taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Steve R.