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Dear Neethan Shan,

Members of Toronto City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support and also on behalf of only Nepali Cricket Club in Scarborough (SNCC) for Motion MM 40.9, introduced by you (Councillor Neethan Shan), to expand cricket programming across Toronto, remove barriers to accessing fields and programs, and establish a Celebrate Cricket Day.

Cricket club like ours has been suffering significant challenges to grow.

Cricket is one of the fastest growing sports in Canada, reflecting the diversity and vibrancy of our city. For many communities like Nepali community, cricket is more than just a game—it is a cultural touchstone that fosters connection, belonging, and physical well-being. As Toronto continues to grow, it is essential that our public spaces and recreational programming evolve to meet the needs of all residents mostly the newer ones like Nepali descent Canadians.

Despite the sport's rising popularity, many players face significant challenges in accessing safe, well-maintained fields and affordable programs. Limited infrastructure, high demand, and inequitable distribution of facilities can prevent youth and families from participating fully. This motion takes meaningful steps toward addressing these gaps by prioritizing access, inclusion, and investment in cricket facilities and programming.

Supporting this motion is an opportunity to promote equity in recreation, strengthen community ties, and invest in the health and well-being of residents across the city. I urge Council to adopt Motion MM 40.9 and take an important step toward making cricket accessible to everyone in Toronto.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President, SNCC