

## *Expression of Condolence for George Vretos by Toronto City Council*

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson**

**Seconded by: Mayor Olivia Chow**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of George Vretos, a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, and highly respected member of Toronto's Greek community, who passed away following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on July 16, 1956, in Potamia, Lakonia, Greece, to his parents Evangelos and Georgia Vrettos, George immigrated to Canada in September 1965 with his family. As the youngest of four siblings, he grew up rooted in strong family values, faith, and an unwavering work ethic - principles that guided him throughout his life and defined the man he became.

In 1980, George earned his real estate license and went on to build a remarkable career spanning more than four decades. Establishing a trusted and successful real estate business in the heart of Greektown along the Danforth and Logan Avenue, he became a well-known and respected figure within the community. George was admired for his honesty, integrity, and dedication to helping others, and was widely regarded as a trusted mentor. Known for his warm smile, striking blue eyes, and generous spirit, he left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of working with or knowing him.

Above all, George was a devoted family man. In 1983, he met the love of his life, Loukia "Lucy," and together they built a life grounded in love, loyalty, and pride in their family. He was a deeply devoted husband and a proud father to his two sons, and later a loving grandfather whose joy was immeasurable upon welcoming his beloved granddaughters. Even through illness, George demonstrated extraordinary strength, courage, and resilience, holding on long enough to witness the birth of his newest grandchildren - moments that brought him profound happiness.

George will be lovingly remembered by his wife Lucy; his sons Evangelos "Angelo" (Haidi) and Victor "Vasilis" (Odessa); and his treasured granddaughters Stamatina "Nina," Loukia "Lia," and Vasilia. He is also fondly remembered by his siblings Panayiota "Penny" (Apostolos "Paul"), Stavroula "Voula" (George Xinos), and Yianni

“John” (Sophie), as well as by his many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and members of the community in both Canada and Greece.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Vretos family and extended community.

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