From: Sara Hagerman Sent: Monday, May 26, 2025 11:50 AM To: Mayor & Councillors <<u>mayorandcouncillors@markham.ca</u>>; Clerks Public <<u>clerkspublic@markham.ca</u>> Subject: Fw: Ward 7 Vacancy Good Morning!

I have noticed that the subject of the vacant seat for Ward 7 is on the Agenda for tomorrow's (May 27th) Council meeting.

I would like to ensure that my email below, is considered when discussing the options for appointing a new council member to represent Ward 7.

I truly feel that a candidate that ran in the election, and canvassed residents of Ward 7, and listened to their concerns would be the best option for appointment.

Thank you again for taking the time to review and consider my suggestion.

Have a wonderful day!

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Good Morning Mayor Scarpitti, and members of Council.

I'd like to start of by congratulating Councillor Nathan on her election win in the riding of Pickering-Brooklin!!

As a member of Ward 7, I would like to ask that you consider approaching the runner-up in the last municipal election to fill the vacancy in the Ward 7 seat.

I have looked into the Council Vacancy Polity, approved on October 16th, 2012, and as I understand it, we are too far along in the current term to have a by-election. Therefore, if I understand correctly, if a Vacancy in the office of Ward Councillor is to be filled by Appointment, Council may choose to fill the Vacancy by appointing: a) an unsuccessful candidate for the same ward in the most recent regular election; or, b) any other qualified individual.

This is not the first time that Ward 7 has had a councillor appointed. In 2018, Councillor Kanapathi stepped aside after wining the provincial election in Markham Thornhill. In that situation, council appointed the runner-up in the 2014 election, Mr. Usman.

I am reaching out today to respectfully request that you follow the same precedent, and reach out to the runner-up in Ward 7, to see if they would be interested in taking on the roll. That way, the successful replacement would be someone that ran in the campaign, and was voted for by many in our community.

In the current political climate, I feel that Markham would be leading the way in showing that the votes and concerns of our citizens are important, vs parachuting in a political appointee who did not face the scrutiny of the public in the last election.

I have lived in Ward 7 all of my life. In fact, I am proud to say that my family were part of the original settlement of Markham, and have worked tirelessly to make Markham the wonderful Town, and now City it is to work, and live. I am proud to not only live in Markham, but work in Markham as well!

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Have a wonderful day!

