

June 6, 2023

Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk and Returning Officer  
Elections Markham (City of Markham)  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, ON  
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**Re: Over-Contribution in the 2022 Markham Municipal Election by Lin Zhang**

**To: York Region Joint Compliance Committee:**

This letter is being sent to confirm that Mr. Michael Bender will be acting as my authorized agent and be representing me (Lin Zhang), in-person at the York Region Joint Compliance Meeting, which is being held at the Markham Civic Centre on Thursday, June 15, 2023. This letter is also being submitted as my formal written statement to the Committee.

My Statement is as follows:

At the end of May 2023, I received a notice informing me that a York Region Joint Compliance Audit Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM, to address the campaign contributions that I appear to have made to candidates in the 2022 Markham Municipal Election. I can confirm that the five listed contributions in the Notice were made by myself to the 5 listed candidates. I can also confirm that I was aware that there was a limit of \$1,200 to any one candidate. However, I was not aware that a total limit amount of \$5,000 existed for funds going to multiple candidates running for office on the same municipal council. If I had known this total limit existed, I would have adjusted the amount of my donations to a number of the individual candidates to ensure the total limit of \$5,000 was not exceeded. I am sorry that this mistake has happened, and I can assure the Committee that I will not make this mistake again nor at any time in the future.

Please let me know if you require any additional information related to this notice and my statement.

I would like to thank the Committee for allowing me to provide this statement and have Mr. Bender act as my authorized agent.

Yours truly,

Lin Zhang

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lin Zhang', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr. Lin Zhang 98 Gordon Road, North York, Ontario M2P 1E4