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**Subject: Election of Regional Chair Regional Councillor Li and Mayor Altmann motion**

Please accept this as my deputation for the support of the motion to elect a Regional Chair and forward to all Mayors and Regional Councillors.

I am unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

I have spent the last few days thinking why anyone would not support the amendment to the Municipal Act.

There are many reasons why the Regional Chair should be elected: accountability, transparency, democracy, just to name a few. I could not think of one reason why it shouldn't be.

The Regional Chair position is very similar to that of a Mayor but on a larger scale. We elect the Mayor's, this position should be no different.

We elect every politician: Federal, Provincial and Municipal. We run on a platform and are accountable to the people.

Residents have no recourse with the Regional Chair, as they are appointed by a few and accountable to no one.

I tabled the motion at the City of Markham along with Regional Councillor Nirmala Armstrong, to support the amendment of the Municipal Act, Bill 42 to have an election for the Regional Chair.

Before voting, ask your self what is wrong with democracy, what is wrong with residents making a decision on who should be the chair of the region.

I respectfully request that you support this motion, as you believe in a democratic process.

Regards

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