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FW: [EXTERNAL]FCM motion for board of directors

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To Mayor Brown, Brampton City Council & Clerk

As most of you will be aware, I had the honour to serve on the Board of FCM as well as committees from 2007 to recently when I stepped aside to allow new, fresh voices to resume the important work it carries on. I also was elected President in 2016 and can safely assert FCM is truly the only national voice for local government. FCM is the only national organisation with representation in every federal riding.

As we emerge from COVID strong voices for Advocacy with groups like FCM as well as the Big City Mayors Caucus and AMO will be critical. The recent gains in federal funding for items like the Safe Restart funding, transit, housing, Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax) do not happen by accident but by dedicated members like your own Councillor Rowena Santos.

As a fellow elected official from a neighbouring municipality, I was fortunate to work with Councillor Santos over the last couple of years since her election to the Board. She has advocated continuously for Brampton as well as cities across Canada. As we all know, Brampton is one of Canadas fastest growing cities and that can lead to challenges on its own.

Councillor Santos has graciously served as a Vice Chair of the Anti-Racism and Equity committee as well as the Municipal Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. She has also served on the Ontario Caucus, Municipal Infrastructure and Transportation Policy Committee and Increasing Women's Participation in Municipal Government.

I whole heartedly endorse Councillor Rowena Santos to continue her work at FCM and commend her for offering to put her name forward to run for election for the

Board of Directors. I know the work that goes into running for the Board and the dedication needed to be successful with FCM. I have full confidence in Councillor Santos to fulfill that role.

I hope her colleagues can continue to support her as she has represented Brampton and the needs of communities across Canada with passion and grace.

Regards

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