



April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**PERSONAL SUPPORT COUNCILLOR SANTOS**

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you today to demonstrate my support for Councillor Rowena Santos re-election to the FCM board.

In the past year, I have had the privilege of chairing the newly formed Anti-Racism and Equity Board Committee alongside Councillor Santos in her role as Vice Chair. It has been an honour and one of the highlights of this important board work to work alongside Councillor Santos who has been a very positive voice and contributor to moving the needle in this work.

Councillor Santos is a professional, reliable, passionate and knowledgeable member of the FCM board who has time and time again demonstrated her dedication to building a more inclusive and equitable Canada for all to prosper. Her contributions and action to address gender based violence, and most recently our work together on the ARE Committee to address anti-hate and anti-islamophobia, her continued support will allow this work to be meaningful and effective in moving the dial on a more inclusive Canada. A re-election to the FCM board would mean that we can continue to advance the important work of the anti-racism and equity board committee as we all know this is a long journey that requires dedicated time, energy, lived experience and understanding.

If there is anything else I can do to further support Councillor Rowena's opportunity to be re-elected, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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