

PETITION TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF COUNCIL AND EQUALIZE WARD POPULATION IN BRAMPTON

August 16, 2022

Mayor & Members of Brampton Council
c/o City Clerk
Brampton City Hall
3 Wellington Street West
Brampton Ontario

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Dear Mayor and Councillors

Attached please find a petition to reduce the size of Brampton City Council from the current eleven members to nine.

The reduction would accomplish three important objectives.

Firstly, the number of councillors would align with the new Peel Regional Council membership for Brampton. Meaning - ALL members of Brampton council would sit as Regional Councillors on the Peel Region Council. Thus, there would not be a need to arbitrarily choose two city council members at the start of each term of office.

Secondly, reducing the number of councillors would force Brampton to finally equalize the population of each ward. The current population counts are a form of gerrymandering by omission. By failing to act in the past few years, city council has allowed members of the BIPOC community to be disenfranchised.

Finally, the current operating budget for each city council member is approximately \$300,000 per annum. The reduction in city councillors would save approximately \$2.4 million per term or \$6 million over the next ten years, all things being equal.

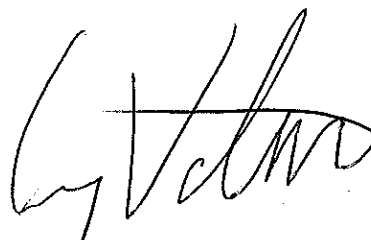
It is for these reasons, and others, that we submit this petition and request that you give it your full consideration as per section 223(1) of the Ontario Municipal Act. We request that we be invited to delegate at such time as this matter is discussed at council in the next 90 days.

Sincerely,



Cindy-Ann Williams

Brampton ON



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REDUCE BRAMPTON COUNCIL & SAVE \$2.4 MILLION

WE the undersigned, petition the City of Brampton council to reduce the size of council and pass a by-law redividing the wards in the municipality into 8 wards. We call on Brampton city council to introduce these changes within 90 days of receiving this petition, in keeping with section 223(1) of the Ontario Municipal Act. The reduction in the number of wards could save Brampton taxpayers as much as \$2.4 million every four years. It's not fair that some voters have less say because they live in a ward with double the population of another. It is time to end this form of systemic voter discrimination and save taxpayers money too.

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