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Dear Mayor Patrick Brown,

I, Azeem Sheikh, a resident of Brampton and a member of the BARIC committee, am sending you this letter on behalf of my family and community to request your support in the development of a new place of worship known as BARIC Islamic Centre.

I became a resident of Brampton in 2006, and as my family grew, I increasingly felt the need to enhance our overall spiritual life and atmosphere in our home. My family and I began frequenting the BARIC masjid in 2012, and it has since been a source of guidance and has helped my family live a more holistic and balanced approach to life. One of our most fulfilling experiences with the BARIC community was when we took part in their tree-planting initiative. Thanks to the efforts of the community leaders at the masjid, my children have been directly involved in raising funds for Syrian refugees, famine-stricken countries, and, most recently, Pakistan flood victims. The numerous memories and experiences we have shared through our involvement with BARIC have been unprecedented.

I have seen the BARIC organization grow over the years to become an extended family of Muslim brothers and sisters. It is becoming more and more apparent that the needs of the organization are expanding to accommodate the growing attendance. A larger main worship centre is needed as worshippers gain the confidence to return to the mosque post-pandemic. The gym would serve as a space where youth can connect and embrace their love of athletics. A library can be a valuable resource for people dealing with difficult experiences in life, who will often read a book before they seek counsel.

Your responsiveness to Bramptonian concerns thus far makes me confident that you will support our request in the development of the BARIC Islamic Centre. Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Azeem Sheikh