



## **Councillor Joe Mihevc**

Toronto City Hall  
St. Paul's West  
Ward 21

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

### **Re: Invitation to a public meeting informing Torontonians how they may assist Syrian refugees:**

I would like to invite you to join Councillor Joe Cressy (Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina), Debbie Douglas, Executive Director of OCASI (Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants), Ratna Omidvar, (Chair), Executive Director, Global Diversity Exchange, community agencies and me for a public meeting about the Syrian refugee crisis.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide Torontonians with information and tangible action plans around how to assist people impacted by the ongoing refugee crisis. We have been hearing that, while several Canadians have already opened their homes, many more do not know how to get involved with the various initiatives currently taking place in Toronto or where to obtain the necessary information.

The meeting will be held on:

**Date: Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm**  
**Venue: City Hall, Council Chambers and Members' Lounge, 100 Queen Street West**

We will hear from Ms. Douglas, Ms. Omidvar and yourself about how Torontonians can become more involved in supporting families and individuals through sponsorship and community support. There will also be an opportunity for your organization to have a display table along with relevant material.

Kindly distribute this invitation to others who may be interested in participating as agencies or attending the meeting as potential refugee sponsors. If you would like to participate in this event or would like additional information about this meeting, please contact my office at 416.392.0208 or [councillor\\_mihevc@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_mihevc@toronto.ca).

I hope you are able to join us and that together we can promote the good refugee settlement work that you are doing.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Mihevc".

Councillor Joe Mihevc  
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