

Dear Mayor Fontana:

My name is Neena Sharma-Kendrick. I am Probation and Parole Officer who has actively participated on The London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Justice and Protection Services Sub-council for the past three years.

The London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Justice and Protection Services sub-council is a creation of community partnerships who have worked collaborative and co-operatively, in the city of London, Ontario, for the past three years. The sub-council believes in building immigrant/refugee knowledge, understanding and trust in Canadian justice and protective services; designing curriculum of culturally relevant information about local services and building effective prevention and early intervention techniques. The engagement and training of volunteers from within the priority immigrant communities and the community at large act as system navigators in neighborhood hubs via building long-term sustainability and new service delivery approaches that can create learning for other communities. This sub-council impressed the Trillium Foundation; subsequently a grant was approved to assist with the aforementioned.

The Justice and Protection Services Sub-council are being nominated for the Amethyst Award. A part of the nomination process includes written testimonials from external sources. The reason for my correspondence is hoping that you will consider providing a written letter of support between 500-1000 words to address what the Justice and Protection Services sub-council has achieved, value and impact within your city. I am hoping to receive written testimonials by October 31, 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information or if you would like me to forward the 3-year strategy plan the sub-council has attained. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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