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Chair and Members
Finance and Administrative Services Committee
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Dear Chair and Members:

This letter is in support of Mr. Josh Morgan for the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal as a way to recognize his community contributions during this special year in which we honour Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne of Canada. I

Josh is a leader among a new generation of young leaders who are building on the accomplishments of the past while innovating for the future, ensuring that Canada continues to be a place of opportunity for all of its citizens.

It has been my pleasure to have known Josh Morgan since 2006 when he became a member of the London Public Library Board. Library Board Trustees are volunteers and Josh Morgan has brought much passion for community service to the Board and has given thousands of hours of volunteer time through this and his other community service. Josh Morgan was appointed to the Board as a representative of the City of London for the term: December 2006 to November, 2010 and was appointed for a second term: December, 2010 to November, 2014 based on the many contributions he made as a Board Trustee. During his second term on the Board, Josh Morgan immediately distinguished himself in positions on the Library Board Executive becoming Vice Chair, 2010 and Chair, 2011. He is the Chair for 2012.

Josh Morgan has been most successful in these leadership roles. He exemplifies the London Public Library vision and mission of making a difference in our community by enriching lives and empowering people through relevant, accessible and high quality public services. In this, Josh has championed fundamental rights inherent in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression. He has also worked to ensure that library service is relevant and accessible and inclusive for all people regardless of age, race, gender, religion, nationality, language, ability, social status, economic status and educational attainment. Under his leadership, the Library has taken on a role of community development, collaborating with all levels of government and all sectors, including the education and volunteer sectors, to support a vibrant, inclusive, diverse and dynamic community.

I have marveled at Josh's passion for community service and have observed his continued contribution through his library leadership and his various other volunteer roles. Given all that he has accomplished to date – we can look forward to many great things to come.

In view of this, it would be most appropriate for City Council to recommend that the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal be awarded to Mr. Josh Morgan.

Respectfully yours,



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