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Dear Chair Cassidy, Committee Members, and Members of Municipal Council

As a resident of Ward 13, I urge that the Corporate Services Committee recommend to Council to appoint John **Fyfe-Millar** to fill the current vacancy for Ward 13 Councillor. My reasons include:

- Ward 13 needs to be represented at Council and Committee's for the remainder of the current term vacancy. We need a voice and vote to support both local and City issues.
- It is only months before the City elects its Mayor and Councillors for a new term (2022-).
- Council has the authority to appoint a candidate for the remainder of the term
- The cost of going to the polls is very high (upwards of \$165,000) for such a short period of time and during a waning yet active pandemic.

I support **John Fyfe-Millar for Councillor for Ward 13.** John is qualified and capable of immediately assuming this responsibility. My reasons for this support include:

- John is uniquely familiar with the issues and needs of residential, business and community services within the Ward and City.
- John lives and works in the Ward and is an active volunteer in many local and city-wide activities, and not for profit organizations.
- John has assisted me on several occasions to find solutions to my personal and business interests. This helps to demonstrate his working knowledge of public and other services.
- John has a proven track record of working with elected and staff representatives of the City.
- In the election of 2018, the difference in constituency support between Mr. Fyfe-Millar and the vacating Councillor was very small.
- John is a good, honest person who believes in his community and the City of London.

A by-election or nominating an outside third party is not necessary given the appropriate and immediate solution in the appointment of **John Fyfe-Millar**.

Ward 13 and our City needs immediate strong and capable representation and I support **John Fyfe-Millar** to fill the vacant seat as soon as possible.

I consent to this letter being part of the public agenda.

Thank you

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