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RE: Montreal Citizens Charter of Rights and Responsibilities

Dear Sir or Madam,

With the merger of the municipalities of the West Island to the City of Montreal, where the population is mostly English speaking, and to promote the duality of the main languages spoken today in Montreal; this should be reflected in the Charter.

As a director of the Montreal Chapter of Alliance Quebec for the Borough of Saint Laurent and being on the committee to work on the Montreal Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, upon reflection and research, we have found out that the English language is an historic language in Quebec and recognized by the Canadian Constitution as an official language throughout Canada.

Also, the Canadian Constitution recognizes English as an official language in the National Assembly of Quebec and in the courts of Quebec.

Since the City of Montreal recognizes the contribution of the cultural heritage of the English-speaking communities and wishes to ensure that all Montreal citizens benefit from this heritage and legacy; therefore it is desirable to guarantee the use of the English language, as well as the French language in the institutions of the City of Montreal.

It is also important to ensure that the civil services and the public services of the City of Montreal of today to reflect this existing linguistic duality.

So to fully and better reflect this, be it resolved that the enlarged City of Montreal recognize the importance of the English language for the future of the City of Montreal and its increased inhabitants and that this recognition be fully reflected in the proposed Montreal Charter of Rights and Responsibilities.

Yours truly,



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