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Subject: FW: For Dec. 12 Agenda - FW: Request for Dec 18, 2022 International Migrants Day Proclamation in the City of Langley

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Sent: November 12, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Mayor Nathan Pachal <npachal@langleycity.ca>
Cc: WebInfo <webinfo@langleycity.ca>; Migrante BC <migrante.bc@gmail.com>
Subject: Request for Dec 18, 2022 International Migrants Day Proclamation in the City of Langley

Dear Mayor Nathan Pachal and the Langley City Council,

My name is Erie Maestro, Founding Member of Migrante BC, the grassroots organization of Filipino migrants and immigrants in BC.

On behalf of Migrante BC, we would like to request a 2022 Proclamation of International Migrants Day (IMD), Dec 18, in the City of Langley, BC.

We hope that the Mayor and the Langley City Council will consider our request for the Proclamation and join the cities that raised the Proclamation last year: Vancouver, Richmond, New Westminister, Burnaby, and Surrey. We have requested these cities again this year.

We have attached a draft of the Proclamation and hope that you and the Langley City Council will consider our request . (Please see below)

Thank you. Maraming Salamat.

Sincerely yours,
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WHEREAS On December 18, 1990, the UN General Assembly adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families;

WHEREAS The International Migrants Day has been observed throughout the world every year since 2000, when the UN General Assembly appointed this day to promote awareness of the large and increasing number of migrants in the world;

WHEREAS This is an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by migrant workers who are also essential workers to the economy of Langley and in BC, especially under the continuing COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS This is also an opportunity to draw attention to the situation of migrant workers, which includes farm workers, low-skilled temporary foreign workers, caregivers, and the seasonal agricultural workers, especially to their precarious and vulnerable working and living conditions, their access to basic services and social entitlements and worker protections;

WHEREAS This also builds on the Langley's multicultural fabric and its commitment to a welcoming and safe environment to people of all cultural backgrounds by providing access to City services, including those with temporary status, uncertain status or no immigration status;

THEREFORE I, Mayor Nathan Pachal, PROCLAIM December 18, 2022 as "INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY" in the City of North Vancouver, British Columbia.

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