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6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-5, 850-868 Lorimer Street Port Melbourne

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To speak on behalf of the applicant in support of the project.

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6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-5 850-868 Lorimer Street, Port Melbourne

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6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2020-5 -850-868 Lorimer Street, Port Melbourne

Submission by Lindsay Gordon

Having only become aware of this application in less than 24 hours before submissions for Council are required, I am somewhat constrained in relation to my comments on it and my back ground research other than the material provided in the Council report.

However, Council, on 8 December 2020, approved a submission to the Minister in relation to number 111 Lorimer Street approximately 500 m in a westerly direction along Lorimer Street from this subject property.

When I became aware of the approval for number 111 Lorimer Street just recently, I became concerned that Council has given its approval to a building proposed to have 29 storeys in an area where the preferred height is only 18 storeys.

Council considered 29 storeys as acceptable even though this was only 11 storeys less than that permitted under the previous Liberal government (40 storeys was permitted). The current government called in all planning cases for the area for the purposes of "sorting out the mess" (this was the publicity at the time) and the main part of the "mess" that was being sorted out was the excessive heights proposed for buildings. This is hardly sorting out the "mess". It is also 60% higher than the preferred maximum height of 18 storeys so I am at a loss to understand the recommended approval.

I appreciate that my comments in relation to 111 Lorimer Street might appear to be unconnected with the current application. However, they are not.

Council appears to have only considered the height aspect insofar as overshadowing is concerned.

With respect, my view is that there is another issue involved and that is a "canyoning" effect on Lorimer Street. What I mean by this is that extremely tall buildings on either side of Lorimer Street will give the effect of a canyon which is not aesthetically pleasing nor environmentally appropriate. It would also exacerbate wind tunnelling with increased wind speeds due to the tunnelling. At present they can be quite significant around the tall buildings even on relatively calm days.

In addition, there are many shadows that will be added to by the addition of this proposed development at 850 Lorimer Street. There are proposed to be 2 towers each of 24 storeys and one of 11 storeys.

In particular, there appears to have been no consideration of the combined shadows of both number 111 Lorimer Street and this property (850 Lorimer Street). What I mean by this is that in the early mornings the shadow of 111 Lorimer Street will be cast in a westerly direction towards 850 Lorimer Street (only 500 m up the road) and then in the afternoon the shadow from 850 Lorimer Street will be cast in an easterly direction towards number 111 Lorimer Street thereby creating a double (i.e. twice during the day) shading of the properties along Lorimer Street in between both buildings. Exacerbating this will be the shadowing created from the north-easterly, northerly and north-westerly sun by the newly constructed Voyager and the existing Forge buildings.

In my view, without having completed the computations but as a "gut feeling", I suspect that many of the buildings from number 111 Lorimer Street through to 850 Lorimer Street (i.e. on the south side of Lorimer Street) could well end up in virtually an all day shadow when the combined effect of all of these buildings is added together with the shadows moving with the sun.

This sort of thing can have a substantial detrimental effect on these buildings and particularly should the owners or occupiers wish to install, for example, solar panels or other ecologically sound developments requiring sunshine. It may also impact gardens. I don't think that this aspect has been considered and it should be. It may well have been the case that had any of the owners been aware of these applications that they could have made submissions based on their substantially reduced direct sunlight hours due to the combined effect of all the tall buildings bearing in mind that the proposals for the current application as well as the previous application for 111 Lorimer Street. Overall, I don't believe that this is good planning practice.

From Council's briefing paper it appears that the preferred height for the site is only 11 storeys, however, there is no explanation or clarity in the report as to whether the briefing paper (and therefore the approval) is only for stage 1 or both stages 1 and 2. I would suggest that if it is for both stages 1 and 2 then the proposed height of 2 of the buildings at 2 ½ times the preferred height of 10 stories is manifestly inappropriate. Council should refuse to support the application in its current form with its proposed building heights.

Furthermore, as has been noted no public comment has been received because it is not *required* however, with all due respect that does not mean that Council should *not* seek public input from the ratepayers. It is a very small cost for publicity to be provided to those in the vicinity by way of a newspaper advertisement such as in the Docklands News or by a mail out or other such publicity perhaps involving social media (there are a number of Facebook pages for the area). I would have to say that the lack of publicity may suggest to some ratepayers that the decision is being made secretly. However, I may well just not be aware of any publicity that may have occurred surrounding it.

I do not believe that the current application should be approved in its present form and, whilst it is not directly the subject of this specific application, the recommended approval by the Minister for 111 Lorimer Street should be revisited and revoked.

I do not believe that these buildings should be approved in isolation but the entire locality should be planned as a whole. It is my view that planning the locality as a whole would result in far better outcomes other than a piecemeal approach of approving individual site specific planning scheme amendments.

Lindsay Gordon
16 February 2021

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Endorsement of the Schematic Design Plans and Provision of a Project Update for Brens and Ryder Pavilions in Royal Park.

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Dear Jodie/ team,

Please find attached my summary submission, reflecting the Zoom submission I have booked in.

Please confirm receipt, and its inclusion in the papers.

I intend to join the Zoom by 5:10 from the invite.

Thanks

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6.5– Endorsement of the Schematic Design Plans and Provision of a Project Update for Brens and Ryder Pavilions in Royal Park.

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Hi Team,

Please see attached my written submission relating to the Council/Committee meeting agenda item 6.

I did indicate that I wished to make my submission live via a virtual link, however, as per the phone conversation yesterday it seems as if the meeting could be very long. Therefore, I would like to change to just a written submission.

Please let me know if anything further is required.

Kind Regards,
Amy Williams
MURFC Treasurer

Dear Madame/Sir,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to endorse the design of the Brens and Ryder Pavilions in Royal Park and to convey why we feel this redevelopment is not only necessary, but long overdue. As the first two female players to hold positions on the Melbourne University Rugby Football Club (MURFC) Committee, we are grateful to finally have a platform to voice why we feel so strongly about an upgrade of our club's facilities.

The Brens and Ryder Pavilion is a clear relic of a 1950s men's only clubhouse that fails to provide usable and welcoming facilities for all players, staff, spectators and families. For example, the location of the central communal shower and exposed toilet area makes it impossible to access the small female change room without having to walk past teams of male players walking between their change rooms and the shower area. The nature of the open area leaves little to the imagination. This makes us and our female teammates feel uncomfortable, unwelcome, unsafe and very much out of place in our own club. This also makes it incredibly unsuitable for junior players and families to freely move throughout the clubhouse.

More and more women are joining rugby and AFL clubs in Victoria. We believe the proposed design will address current issues of equity, safety, suitability and capacity of the facilities for women in the following ways:

- individual access to each of the change rooms drastically improves the usability, providing the privacy required to make us feel safe and comfortable to use them
- the addition of change rooms and increased size of the social space means that when both the women's and men's teams host opponents, the facilities can cater for all equally
- the changes to the building also demonstrate we are valued equally as part of the sporting and wider community

MURFC is becoming increasingly diverse, and we as a wider community need to adapt and improve in order for all members and their families to feel welcome, safe and recognised. We want to feel empowered and supported by our club. We want to be proud of where we train, play and socialise. We want you to hear and recognise our plight as underrepresented and currently inferior members of the rugby and sporting world in Victoria. This is why we have had members of the women's team attend consultation meetings, and as a club sought and provided key input to develop a concept that we feel provides an equal outcome and suitable solution.

Kind regards,

Amy Williams
Treasurer, MURFC

Annie Buntine
Female Club Captain, MURFC

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FUTURE MELBOURNE COMMITTEE FEB 16, 2021 – ITEM 6.5
BRENS AND RYDER PAVILIONS, ROYAL PARK

Applications to redevelop the Brens and Ryder sports pavilions in Royal Park are assessed and determined by Heritage Victoria because Royal Park is on the Heritage Victoria Register (H2337). Despite there being exemptions for permit requirements, the proposed developments do not include design and information that should be included in the Heritage Victoria application, so that the applications can be properly and fully assessed.

The Friends of Royal Park, Parkville has raised the following matters that should be addressed before the Heritage Victoria application is lodged:

1. Not shown on the plans are the service areas, where bins will be stored, and the access to these areas. These areas will constitute larger overall footprints to the pavilions ... and impacts on parkland. How are these areas and their impacts to be addressed and mitigated in the plans?
2. Given the larger built form of the new pavilions in the landscape context, what mitigation in the form of colour schemes and materials will be put in place to reduce the visual impact of the buildings in their park settings?
3. Details of lighting at the new pavilions should be specified in the plans in keeping with Council's Public Lighting Strategy applicable to Royal Park, i.e. that as a natural park, it be designated a 'dark park' - stray light from buildings should be minimised and sports facilities should only be lit when sports activities are occurring and be turned off by 10pm. Thus, light design, lux, timing, etc associated with the new pavilions should be specified in the plans.
4. Environmental sustainability is supposed to be included in Council developments. The number, size and location of rainwater tanks at the two new pavilions should be shown on the plans. Preferably they should be located underground to avoid loss and impact on parkland.
5. Car parking areas should be precisely shown on the plans. In keeping with Council policies, car parking in parkland should be discouraged and minimised. Car parking numbers at Brens Pavilion are to be reduced to 20, however, fencing must be included in the plans to prevent vehicle encroachment onto parkland. What measures to reduce car parking areas are to be implemented in association with the redevelopment of the Ryder Pavilion (noting the reduction in car parking for the Western Pavilion in Royal Park)?
6. The historic scorers boxes at Ryder Pavilion site should be retained, not "relocated" to some "agreed" location.



Above: YFCC Scoreboard at the Ryder Oval

In addition, in considering the overall plans for the new Brens and Ryder Pavilions in Royal Park, the Council is also asked to consider:

- Given 'No Net Loss of Parkland' in park developments, for Ryder, which will increase from 420sqm to 745sqm, where will compensatory parkland be provided?
- Given current difficult access off Macarthur Road will remain, for the foreseeable future, could a KEEP CLEAR be painted on the road surface so that vehicles entering and exiting the Brens Pavilion site can more easily and safely access/egress the site?

Kaye Oddie

Secretary

Friends of Royal Park, Parkville Inc

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6.5 Endorsement of the schematic design plans and provision of a project update for Brens and Ryder pavilions in Royal Park

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Agenda item title: * 6.4 Submission to Infrastructure Victoria on Victoria Draft 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy

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Dear City of Melbourne

It is vital that priority is given for immediate investment in a tramline extension to Fishermans Bend. An underground train line should be tunneled from Newport Station to Southern Cross Station. There should be two train tunnels in the north and south section of Fishermans Bend.

Melbourne's parks and open spaces must be protected. They are what make the city liveable.

The vision of Charles Joseph La Trobe and Robert Hoddle should not be compromised.

Thanks to the City of Melbourne for recognising and acknowledging the importance of the tribes of the Kulin Nation and other First Nation tribes. Melbourne's reconciliation Action plan is an important component of the future of the City of Melbourne.

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6.5 Endorsement of the schematic design plans and provision of a project update for Brens and Ryder pavilions in Royal Park

University High School-Victoria University Amateur Football Club wishes to 100% endorse the design plans and project at Brens Oval that is before council. As a winter tenant at Brens Oval since 1960, our club sees this project as the biggest advancement in the proud history of our club. In late 2018 when the project started to take shape, we were visited by the local member Ellen Sandell. She was so moved by the current lack of basic amenities, especially for women and girls, that she brought up her support specifically in parliament. In 2017 we introduced Women's football but could only raise enough players for one team. There were many potential players who did not commit because of our current amenities. Since the City of Melbourne designs have been displayed and circulated we have had a groundswell of women wishing to join. It is with great pride that we announce that in season 2021 we have entered 2 Women's team in the VAFA. We will wait till the project is complete before we will passionately commence our commitment to junior teams.

This project will mean that our 60 women and 110 male members for the first time will have access to single change rooms with dedicated private cubicle showers and toilets within. There are 4 ovals in our precinct meaning 8 teams playing at a time, so the provision of the minimum 8 change rooms is much appreciated. The allocation of a separate medical room where injured players can be cared for with privacy is a great modern day improvement. Umpire rooms have been appropriately included in the design to acknowledge their key role in sporting activities. There is also a toilet space designated for LGBTIQ users of the park and pavilion.

The increased area in the social rooms and kitchen will allow our football community space to meet, greet and further develop friendships. Thursday night meals after training will mean everyone can at last eat sitting down in the same shared space, with no more overflow of players huddling outside. Visiting teams will now have the appropriate amount of space to join us to celebrate the days' competition.

It is an entirely appropriate generational design that takes into account all stakeholders needs. The overall net loss/gain of parkland will be minimal and should not act as a distraction or deterrent to this much needed project.

I have a few other points to share verbally.

Tony Boyce

Player UHS 1978 to 1991

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: * Agenda item 6.6 – Community Engagement Policy

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Agenda item 6.6 – Community Engagement Policy

Submission by Dr Stan Capp,

Exhibition Street, Melbourne Vic 3000

I think the recommended policy is a professional attempt at addressing this most important initiative and, if adopted as presented, will adequately satisfy the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020.

However, had the consultation on this subject adopted best practice, the recommended document would have been issued as a draft and the community of stakeholders could have been given the opportunity to comment **prior** to the final recommended policy being submitted to FMC. In order to allow further input and potential amendment, Councillors could defer consideration of the policy until its next scheduled meeting on 23 February 2021, understanding the need to adopt by 1 March 2021.

I recommend that the ***“FMC invite community feedback beyond the period applicable for this meeting and request that officers re-submit an amended recommendation to the next scheduled Council meeting.”***

The policy as presented is somewhat generic and has few distinctly City of Melbourne characteristics. I accept that the consultation has been widespread, but it is unclear to me what was actually taken up from the plethora of ideas and initiatives that through personal experience, I know were submitted. For example, of the 24 contributions listed on the “Big Ideas” page, there were at least five worthy of inclusion, if only within Attachment 3. I can see no such acknowledgment let alone inclusion.

One of the most important omissions or missed opportunities from the policy is a section on **“how”** community engagement will be activated apart from reference to the Participate Melbourne initiative, which I regard as an excellent but somewhat formulaic process used by City of Melbourne.

There are a range of options for engagement that a policy statement should define and these include but are not restricted to:

1. People’s Panels
2. Resident Panels
3. Citizen Juries
4. Focus Groups
5. Quantitative Surveys
6. Qualitative Surveys,
7. Opinion Polls e.g. via a phone app

If the FMC does **not** wish to seek the inclusion of an analysis of these contemporary albeit minimal processes for engagement within the current policy, then I recommend:

“Council seeks a further paper be prepared by Officers to enable Councillors to better understand the options that can put into effect the principles approved in the Community Engagement Strategy. The paper should also define criteria to be applied to determine which of the agreed processes will be utilised.”

If City of Melbourne wishes to build on its leadership in the Local Government sector by being a “*bold, inspirational and sustainable city*”, then it needs to explicitly display innovation and awareness of how community engagement will be put into action. At the moment, the policy remains silent on this and, in my opinion, diminishes what is proposed.

The other outstanding omission is the lack of reference to **residents** who represent the single largest interest group and number of ratepayers within the City of Melbourne. At the very least, the definition of “community” should include a specific reference to residents and elsewhere in the body of the document, reference to residents should be highlighted. While the reference on page 15 is acknowledged, specific inclusion in the analysis of roles and responsibilities on page 17 is indicated as is explicit recognition in the Policy Statement.

I think a more inclusive discussion of “community” would be appropriate. The key stakeholders within the community are residents, businesses, workers, students, tourists, with acknowledgement of indigenous and other under-represented groups.

I understand that the Act requires that Councils apply their community engagement policy in the development of the following:

- planning and financial management
- community vision
- council plan
- financial plan
- revenue and rating planning
- asset plan

Similar but not identical processes can be established in any area where Councillors would benefit from community input. What is needed is a willingness to receive advice through a formalised structure of eliciting community views. There is now a legislative requirement that they do so in the designated areas, and I anticipate that a broad interpretation of the *Community Engagement Policy* will become embedded in the work of the City of Melbourne.

This will be challenging for both Councillors and Council staff. However, the outcomes are more likely to reflect community views and be to the overall benefit of all. I know that I and others will welcome this application of the policy.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Stan Capp
15 February 2021

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: 7.1

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Medevac refugees have been locked in hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Agenda item title: Medivac refugees

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Medevac refugees have been locked in hotel detention since late 2020 . This is a contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

Having the men locked up in CoM area is not a good look for CoM as a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

An over zealous police presence at protest sites and citizen harassment by VicPol is making the CoM a less enjoyable place to be.

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.

Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Agenda item title: Release Refugees Detained in Australia and Offshore

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This is what I submitted:

Medevac refugees have been locked in hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.

Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Agenda item title: Some justice for imprisoned refugees

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park Hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the City of Melbourne purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone", and also because these men were brought to Australia for medical treatment which they desperately need.

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park Hotel in the City of Melbourne since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly shameful when the City of Melbourne claims to be a 'Refugee Welcome Zone'.

I call on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urge Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton, and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community
2. Provide released refugees access to Jobseeker and access to education and training

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: * Refugees detained in Park Hotel

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am. Hi Sally Capp, Nicholas Reece, and councillors, Since Dec 2020, Medevac refugees have been detained in the Park Hotel. This is a horrible violation of their human rights. Please urge Scott Morrison and Peter Dutton to release all of the refugees immediately and ensure that they are provided with a permanent pathway to citizenship, JobSeeker, and tertiary education/training.

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Name: * Lachlan Marshall

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Refugees in detention & those living in the community

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Dear councilors,

I am writing this email as I am shocked to see that our Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture of innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights. I am writing this email as I would like you to support the motion 7.1 that Councilor Rohan Leppert is putting forward on Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee.

I am calling on you and all other City of Melbourne councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to

post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

Your Sincerely,

Lachlan Marshall

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Agenda item title: refugees

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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Name: * Nadia Leppert

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: * 7.1: Refugee Advocacy

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

It is time that Melbourne City Council join the United Nations Human Rights Council and Human Rights Committee in condemning indefinite and arbitrary detention of people seeking asylum. It is a gross violation of human rights.

Please set the last of the innocent men imprisoned in Carlton free. And stop supporting such things to ever happen again.

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Agenda item title: Request the Park Hotel refugees to be released with supports

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Refugees in detention & those living in the community

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This submission from Radical Women to Melbourne City Council addresses two serious, urgent issues:

1. The detention of Medevac refugees at the Park Hotel

Radical Women (RW) is appalled to learn that the federal government is using the Park Hotel as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to carry out its imprisonment and torture of refugees in the City of Melbourne. For the City of Melbourne to allow this makes its claim to be a Refugee Welcome Zone hollow.

As a matter of extreme urgency, RW calls on Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to refuse City of Melbourne being part of the federal government's inhuman policy. Specifically, we urge you to call on Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to (a) immediately release the remaining Park Hotel detainees into the community and (b) provide all released refugees an unobstructed pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker, post-secondary education and training and all other entitlements necessary for them to comfortably live and participate in the community.

2. The right to protest

RW also calls on MCC to not impede, through inappropriate use of bylaws or any other means, people's right to

protest, as enshrined in the Victorian Charter of Human Rights.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Brennan, Melbourne Radical Women Organiser

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I find it distressing and appalling that Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel in our community since December 2020 in ongoing contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly disturbing considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone." One only has to visit the location and witness the treatment of these people to understand the overwhelming lack of humanity shown by Australia's government towards these people that have fled violence.

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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Agenda item title: Medevac Refugees

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees. These people have faced some of the worst kinds of trauma imaginable, and have been met with nothing but cruelty from the Australian government.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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Agenda item title: Refugee advocacy

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is a disappointing and internationally embarrassing position for the City of Melbourne to take considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone".

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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Name: * Sally Warmington

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: * 7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Rohan Leppert, Refugee Advocacy

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

To the Mayor and Councillors, City of Melbourne:

I am writing to express my deep concern about the fact that refugees are being detained in the Park Hotel in Swanston Street, in contravention of the UN Convention of the Rights of Refugees. The City of Melbourne has declared that it is a Refugee Welcome Zone but in order for this to be meaningful and not just an empty slogan, strong action must be taken by the City Council when refugees are denied their basic human rights in such an egregious manner.

The motion by Cr Leppert is a good start but it does not go far enough in my opinion. I submit that the Mayor and Council of the City of Melbourne should request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and the Prime Minister Scott Morrison to immediately release all remaining refugees detained there into the community. They are being detained without any justification, despite the fact that they were brought to Australia because of their medical conditions requiring treatment, which many have not received. In my opinion their situation represents political imprisonment as they are being detained supposedly as a deterrent to others and not for any crime – since seeking asylum is not illegal.

I have observed that as more and more citizens become aware of what is going on in our own city, an increasing number are opposed to arbitrary and indefinite detention of refugees. The City of Melbourne may be considered as tacitly supporting this treatment of refugees by not urging their release in the strongest possible terms and at the highest level. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and current need for a hard lockdown, with a guard at the Park Hotel reportedly being a contact of a case, putting the refugees at further risk, adds another urgent argument for the City of Melbourne to take strong action now.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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As a signatory to the Refugees Welcome Zone Declaration, I call on the Melbourne City Council to pass this motion and condemn Australia's ongoing egregious treatment of refugees.

Currently, 13 men are still being held in indefinite detention in the Park Hotel in Melbourne. These men have all been granted refugee status, and should be resettled in Australia permanently as per Australia's obligation to uphold basic human rights regarding asylum seekers and refugees. These include the right to freedom, and the right to seek asylum.

These men have been detained indefinitely for 8 years. We all struggled through our 4 months of lockdown – these men have been locked in hotels in Melbourne with no fresh air for 574 days, and still there is no end in sight. The guards in the hotel, employed by Serco (a company which Melbourne City Council has contracts with) are cruel and manipulative. They have changed meal times so that they coincide with daily protests, so that the men must choose between eating dinner and seeing their friends from their room windows. ABF and Serco have repeatedly tinted the windows in the men's rooms in an attempt to conceal them from the world. It has also been revealed that a guard in the hotel worked on Friday 12th February, 2021, whilst experiencing cold and flu symptoms. The men are all now forced to isolate in their rooms as they have possibly been exposed to COVID-19 due to the irresponsibility of

guards working when sick.

I call on Melbourne City Council to support this motion, and uphold the values associated with being a Refugee Welcome Zone. As a concerned community member, I strongly support this motion, and encourage Melbourne City Council to stand up for these vulnerable members of our community, and stop enabling the indefinite torture of refugees.

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Monday 15 February 2021

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Refugees imprisoned unfairly.

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

Please release these people. And as A form of reperation for breaking human rights, work to release the rest on off shore detention.

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Date of meeting: * Sunday 14 February 2021

Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy – Refugees are Welcome in CoM

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Agenda item title: Refugee advocacy

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I am writing to address my concerns for the 13 refugees that remain detained in the Park Hotel within the City of Melbourne. I hope that City of Melbourne are able to read the below submission and take into careful consideration what we as a council stand for.

Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

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Seeking refuge is a human right, these men have not received medical treatment and are suffering greatly. i have been visiting the at Mantra hotel as well as Park hotel now for over a year. the 13 men left inside are distraught and at risk of further mental and physical health risks. This looks terrible for Melbourne which is a city that is suppose to promote diversity, human rights and justice. These men are loosing hope and having the council renounce and actively support these refugees could change public opinion, which could change policy, could get them funds and give them a greater opportunity to survive this vile treatment.

it has been 8 years, my friends Don and Abu are still trapped inside. i am 23 and Don is 24. He has been imposed since he was 16. Please have empathy and treat this as a massive part of contributing towards anti racism

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Agenda item title: Asylum seekers in arbitrary detention at Park Hotel

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Dear Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas, and Councillors,

As a Melbourne-based medical doctor, I call on the City of Melbourne to take immediate action to end the arbitrary and risk-prone detention of asylum seekers at the Park Hotel in Carlton.

Over several months, I have had the privilege to speak with several men held initially at Bell City Mantra, and now at the Park Hotel in Carlton. Having fled their homes due to unimaginable pain and suffering, they have spent nearly a decade in arbitrary detention.

Their mental health has deteriorated. They are resilient, but all resilience has limits.

The City of Melbourne has shown incredible leadership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. I urge you to use this capacity in advocating with State and Federal counterparts to challenge their detention and secure their immediate release.

Several of these men have already been released, and those remaining are fearful. Yesterday, a security guard was

reported to have symptoms of COVID-19. All men are currently in isolation. They are scared and vulnerable.

An outbreak of COVID-19 in the Park Hotel would be a disaster for Melbourne. The conditions are not suitable for hotel quarantine, yet are deemed sufficient for imprisonment.

Please take a stronger stance to free these men into community. I will welcome them all into my home upon their release. We cannot delay. Their physical and mental health depends on us.

Dr. Aiden Varan, MD(Distinct), MPH, BSc(Hons), CHIA, CPH

Medical Resident, Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne

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Medevac Refugees have been locked up in the Park Hotel Detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the City of Melbourne purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone".

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City of Melbourne states that it is a "Refugee Welcome Zone" however Medevac Refugees have been indefinitely detained in the Park Hotel since December 2020 in contravention with the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

I call on Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community;
2. Provide all refugees released from the Park Hotel a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to Jobseeker and education and training opportunities.

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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Agenda item title: CALL ON MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL TO STAND UP FOR REFUGEE RIGHTS

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Agenda item title: DETENTION OF MEDEVAC REFUGEES

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Agenda item title: 7.1 Refugees are welcome in CoM

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Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: *

7.1 Refugee Advocacy

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I wish to call on the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Melbourne to act on the intentions stated in the Refugee Welcome Zone Declaration, especially in relation to the refugees currently detained in the Park Hotel Carlton.

This Federal Government action in your jurisdiction is contrary to respecting the rights of people who legitimately sought asylum here.

The harm being done to these men is intolerable and I support all efforts you can take to have these men released into the caring community advocating for justice.

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Tuesday 16 February 2021

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7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Rohan Leppert, Refugee Advocacy

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

As a long term resident of Melbourne in the past and currently a regional Victoria resident, I want to state that the current treatment of refugees in detention is abhorrent and shameful.

Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

As a community of caring, humanitarian focussed individuals, we need to support this motion and allow our actions to be those that enable us to feel pride in Melbourne rather than shame. I feel the majority of Melbourne and Victoria residents agree, but are inactive due to lack of information, distorted press and the spread of fear the governments have spread. Please support this motion.

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Agenda item title: * 7.1

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I support and urge the City of Melbourne to support Cr. Rohan Leppert's request for the City of Melbourne to condemn the human right's abuses being inflicted upon the asylum seekers imprisoned in Park Hotel, as well as any other onshore and offshore detention centres.

We would like to see the City of Melbourne be a welcoming place for refugees and asylum seekers, and to call on the government for the immediate release of all imprisoned refugees into the community with full support and provisions provided.

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Agenda item title: Refugee advocacy

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Agenda item title: Medevac Refugees in Park Hotel Carlton

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Medevac refugees have been held in Park Hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees. This is an extremely distressing situation for these men who have been deemed to be genuine refugees. The "Refugee Welcome Zone." that the City of Melbourne supports is in direct contradiction to detainment of these men.

I call on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to act accordingly by requesting the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to: 1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community. 2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

This is a serious human rights abuse situation within the jurisdiction of the City of Melbourne. Your silence may be seen as being complicit to the indefinite detention of these innocent men.

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Agenda item title: Stop the contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees

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Agenda item title: Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Refugee advocacy

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I would like to add my voice in support of Cr Leppert's motion, and in addition to the points listed already, to request that the Council and the Lord Mayor also call upon the Minister for Home Affairs and the Prime Minister to immediately release the people remaining in detention into the community, with the same opportunities and support that are afforded to all of us – the chance to work, to get an education, to be supported in the case that work is not realistically available (and let's remember we are in a pandemic job crisis), to have the same chance as any resident of achieving citizenship, and to (pandemic permitting) be reunited with family in this safe country of refuge.

The City of Melbourne is the most shining multicultural jewel in a multicultural city, a place whose rich immigrant and refugee cultures have entirely changed the nation in my lifetime. When my grandparents arrived here as Jewish refugees from Poland, Australia was a bland meat-and-two-veg monoculture, and now we're an international capital noted for our cosmopolitan cultural curiosity and innovation.

The idea that the Federal government thinks it's ok to lock up people who've done nothing but legitimately attempt to escape persecution – something they're very much legally entitled to do under the 1951 Convention we signed as a nation – in *Carlton*, an iconic neighbourhood basically synonymous with the vibrancy that immigrant cultures

bring to a city – is a disgrace.

I hope the City of Melbourne will do everything in its power to end this illegal detention and stay on the right side of history.

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Agenda item title: Agenda Item 7.1 – Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert – Refugee Advocacy

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

The City of Melbourne has claimed to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone". Therefore, Council needs to address the mass violation of human rights in relation to vulnerable residents within our own municipality. I write this submission in support of Councillor Rohan Leppert's Notice of Motion (Agenda Item 7.1) regarding Refugee Advocacy.

The Federal Government has detained Refugees and Asylum Seekers in an alternative place of detention, at 701 Swanston Street, Carlton, since December 2020. These human beings in particular, were evacuated to Australia under the Medevac Bill, as they had urgent medical conditions that needed to be addressed. Some of these people were released into the community, though some remain in detention for unknown reasons. They've since been locked in hotels indefinitely. Prior to being locked up within the City of Melbourne, they were locked up in the City of Darebin. Darebin Council acted to publicly condemn the Federal Government regarding the detention and torture of these people. The City of Melbourne Council, as a collective, needs to do the same, should it claim to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone". I urge all Councillors and Council Officers to act within the best interest of all our residents, including these innocent refugees, who are now residents of this Council.

I am calling on Lord Mayor, Sally Capp; Deputy Lord Mayor, Nicholas Reece; and all Councillors to live up to Council's statements and stand up for humanity. As Councillors elected to this Council, it is your job and your

responsibility to live up to Council's policies and commitments. As quoted on the City of Melbourne's website "The City of Melbourne is a Refugee Welcome Zone which is a commitment in spirit to welcoming refugees into our community, upholding the human rights of refugees, demonstrating compassion for refugees and enhancing cultural and religious diversity in our community."

Whilst this is an issue relating to the Federal Government, Council frequently acts to advocate for other issues within the municipality which relate to other levels of government, therefore Council has the same responsibility to advocate for this issue, being the release of these innocent men, because they are now residents of this Council.

Albeit, this is not an issue of politics, this is a violation of human rights towards innocent refugees. I call on all Councillors to advocate for harmony within our beautiful and multicultural City, by requesting in writing to the Minister of Home Affairs, Peter Dutton; and Prime Minister, Scott Morrison; to release the remaining human beings confined within the City of Melbourne, at the alternative place of detention, at 701 Swanston Street, Carlton.

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Good Afternoon,

I have sent through a submission in regards to a Notice of Motion (Agenda Item 7.1) due to be put forward by Cr Leppert at the Committee Meeting on 16/02/21.

In my submission, I have selected "no" to presenting my submission live to the Committee.

I am wondering if I can please have your assistance to change this to "yes"? **I would like to present my submission, live to the Committee on 16/02/21.**

Could you please urgently let me know how I should go about this?

Thank you,

Brandon Zappia

Your online submission in relation to the Council/Committee meeting has been received.

All submissions received by 10am on the day of the meeting will be circulated to Councillors and relevant Council staff prior to the Council or Committee meeting. Submissions received after 10am on the day of the meeting will not be accepted.

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In accordance with Council's Meeting Procedures Code, you will have a maximum of three minutes to address the Committee.

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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This is particularly appalling considering the com purports to be a "refugee safe zone"

I am calling on the lord mayor Sally Capp, deputy lord mayor Nicholas Reece and councillors to urgently request the minister for home affairs, Peter Dutton and prime minister Scott Morrison to:

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Agenda item title: Release all asylum seekers at Park Hotel

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park Hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a 'Refugee Welcome Zone'.

Refugees within the Park Hotel Prison have been subject to horrific and torturous conditions, threatened and oppressed by security guards, and are now facing significant health risks due to COVID-19.

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Recce and Councillors to urgently request that the Minister for Home Affairs Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
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Agenda item title: Refugee advocacy

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Since 2019, Medevac refugees have been locked in hotel detention, in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees. Their crime? Seeking safety from war, torture and persecution.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

Our friends need help. They are unwell. They miss their family. They cannot stay locked up like this.

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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These refugees have been subject to horrific and torturous conditions, threatened and oppressed by security guards, and now face a significant health risk due to COVID-19.

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This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel and MITA (Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation) into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

The CoM cannot continue to declare Melbourne a "Refugee Welcome Zone" whilst allowing the indefinite detention of innocent refugees in APODs (Alternative Places of Detention) such as the Park Hotel.

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Agenda item title: Release of Medevac Refugees

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I thought the City of Melbourne was a "Refugee Welcome Zone"?

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Refugee advocacy

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This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

The refugees at the Park Hotel are also at risk of contracting COVID-19. The Park Hotel is a very confined space meaning that detainees, guards and hotel staff are forced to be in close contact with one another increasing the chances of transmission to this vulnerable cohort.

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: CALL ON MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL TO STAND UP FOR REFUGEE RIGHTS

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: 7.1

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Dear Future Melbourne Committee,

I would like to bring your attention to the ongoing indefinite detention of innocent refugees in the Park Hotel in Carlton. Their incarceration in Melbourne after 6 and a half years on Nauru or Manus is unjustifiable and in fact, unlawful. They should be immediately released to the community, where they are entitled to be, and where they can receive appropriate care and begin to heal.

The City of Melbourne is a welcoming city and I'm proud to call it home but this situation is unacceptable and I urge you to speak with the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton about the immediate release of these men.

Once released, I would like the CoM to work with the State Government to offer support in the form of housing and an allowance until these men are able to find work and become somewhat independent, despite the temporary nature of their visas.

By doing so the CoM will not be complicit in this vile cruelty and will live up to the values we all espouse in our beautiful multicultural city where refugees are traditionally welcomed.

Sincerely,

Jenny Leahy

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Date of meeting: * Sunday 14 February 2016

Agenda item title: Medevac Refugees in Hotel Detention

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The City of Melbourne needs to stand up strongly in defence of it's most vulnerable residents. None are more vulnerable in Australia than those who have been demonised and punished by successive Federal government – detained refugees.

City Councillors – be brave, be fearless, and know that many good people are standing by you if you are.

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Agenda item title: Medevac refugees

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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Date of meeting: * Monday 15 February 2021

Agenda item title: 7.1 Refugees in Park Prison and in Community

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This is particularly appalling considering the City of Melbourne says its a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at Park Hotel into the community, and
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7.1 Refugee advocacy

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

City of Melbourne councillors must urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community. As well as provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: * 7.1: Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Refugee Advocacy

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I commend Cr Leppert for raising the important issue of the refugees who have been detained in the Park Hotel during a pandemic despite having committed no crime.

The City of Melbourne is proud to call itself a "Refugee Welcome Zone" – now is the time to live up to that title.

Please petition the Federal Government for the immediate release of these innocent refugees and for their humane treatment, and support for all recently released refugees.

The City of Melbourne does not have to be part of this violation of human rights, and can play a proud role in standing up for the rights of people to seek asylum.

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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To whom it may concern,

Refugees transported to Melbourne under the Medevac guide lines in December 2020 are still being held in indefinite detention in hotels in Melbourne.

This is in direct contravention of UN convention on the rights of refugees.

This is particularly controversial and contradictory when the municipality of Melbourne claims to be a Refugee Welcome Zone.

I am submitting to you as a concerned member of Greater Melbourne to ask the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors to request to PM Morrison and Minister Dutton to:

1. As soon as possible – release the remaining refugees into the community
2. Provide recently released refugees a pathway to citizenship, access to jobseeker, education and training opportunities.

Regards

Tegan

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Refugee advocacy

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

As a Melbourne local and GP, I am gravely concerned about the treatment of refugees by the federal government. The city of Melbourne should take a strong stance against current federal refugee legislation, especially as it purports itself to be a 'refugee welcome zone'. There are currently still refugees detained within the city of Melbourne in the park hotel. This indefinite detention is detrimental to their mental and physical health. Melbourne city council should stand up and take a stand to support refugees

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Date of meeting: *

Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: *

Asylum Seekers in Mantra Hotel

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

Please release all asylum seekers still being held in the Mantra Hotel in Melbourne.

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Item 7.1 Immediate release of the people seeking asylum

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Name: * Barathan Vidhyapathy

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: * Medevac refugees in Park Hotel

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am. I am utterly disappointed in the fact that the City of Melbourne has participated in the indefinite detention and torture of Medevac refugees, first in the Mantra Hotel in Preston and now Park Hotel in Carlton. There are still 13 refugees locked away, treated like prisoners, who have still yet to receive adequate medical care, both mental and physical. They need to be released immediately.

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Name: * Cate Taylor

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Date of meeting: * Monday 15 February 2021

Agenda item title: Refugees in ongoing detention

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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The City of Melbourne should take whatever measures it can to facilitate the immediate release of refugees currently detained in Melbourne. The detention of these people who have done nothing wrong is illegal and immoral. The City of Melbourne should avoid being seen as complicit in this illegal detention.

Furthermore, the City of Melbourne should not in any way discourage it's citizens from exercising their right to protest this abuse of human rights, nor take any action against protesters who represent the true values and spirit of our city.

The City of Melbourne should extend full welcome and hospitality to these people and make every effort to secure their immediate release.

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy (Cr Rohan Leppert)

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I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton, and the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, to:

- 1: Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to Job Seeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

I am sick of Australia being viewed as not meeting our human rights requirements. We are torturing people and it needs to stop.

Cynthia Smith

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Please release the people from Park Hotel

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Name: * Coralie Boulet

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Agenda item title: 7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Refugee advocacy

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Name: * Jonathan Teh

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: 7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Rohan Leppert, Refugee Advocacy

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I approve of Cr Rohan's motion in its entirety as a resident and ratepayer to the City of Melbourne, and as a person who emigrated to Australia in 1988 from Malaysia.

I note that I am highly disturbed & dismayed that the City of Melbourne has allowed this political prison holding refugees extrajudicially and in inhumane conditions to operate with full, unquestioned, complicit protection & cooperation... in contravention to international human rights conventions & obligations undertaken by the Commonwealth of Australia, and with flagrant disregard to the good standing, reputation, and values of justice, decency, dignity, and human rights that the City of Melbourne is supposed to uphold.

To properly restore this city's reputation, and to realign its values once again towards justice, decency, dignity, and human rights – the City of Melbourne must call for the release of the refugees detained indefinitely & arbitrarily at the political prison established by the Australian Border Force in 701 Swanston St, Carlton.

It must also reaffirm the commitment of the office of the Lord Mayor and the community of Melbourne – including its businesses – to the cause of justice, decency, dignity, and human rights by offering support to ALL refugees in the community; including those on the Australian governments' deeply unjust & mean-spirited Bridging Visa Type E, and those recently released from, and still detained at, the political prison at 701 Swanston St, and the larger "Maribyrnong Immigration Transit Accommodation (MITA)" prison camp; in the form of accommodation in disused student apartments, health care, offers of basic skills training & gainful employment, and other means that a true

"Refugee Welcome Zone" would offer.

I do make one addition to the articles of the motion presented, where I submit that the political prison's operator, SERCO – an organisation that has conducted itself disgracefully & neglectfully in all its dealings with the Australian government's political prison program; must be investigated for failures in their duty of care to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the refugees detained there – especially in mind of recent reports of a worker who had developed symptoms consistent with CoViD-19, and who had worked at multiple locations in another job to his posting at the aforementioned political prison set up in an infamous former quarantine hotel. While their test result has reportedly come back negative (and hopefully not a weak positive), the consequences of being infected would have been severe for the refugees already suffering poor health from their detention, and from their years long ordeal in the Pacific Island prison camps they needed to be medically evacuated from – to say nothing for the consequences to the City of Melbourne itself.

In closing – while I don't need to remind the Lord Mayor and City Councillors that we are in a time of great social & economic upheaval brought to a head by this global pandemic – I feel I should bring attention to the fact that it is in such times that we as communities and nations must return to core values of justice, decency, dignity, and human rights that spurs the community to support this motion – and abandon the divisive vices of greed, cowardice, corruption, cruelty, and prejudice epitomised by Minister Dutton's multi-billion dollar political prison industry... else we will all succumb to disgrace, poverty – not just in resources but in spirit, and needless waste & suffering.

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Date of meeting: * Saturday 16 January 2021

Agenda item title: 7.1: refugee advocacy

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

That the Future Melbourne Committee:

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1. Acknowledges the rich and diverse multicultural history of Melbourne and the significant social, cultural and economic contribution migrants and refugees have made to the city over many decades.
2. Notes that the City of Melbourne is a proud signatory to the Refugee Welcome Zone Declaration.
3. Notes that the City of Melbourne's Cultural Diversity Statement acts as an overarching framework to guide the way Council develops policy, programs and services, and commits Council to:
 - 3.1. acknowledging the contribution that refugees and people seeking asylum make to our community;
 - 3.2. celebrating cultural diversity in all its forms through a range of public programs and initiatives that continue to promote community harmony;
 - 3.3. saying 'No to Racism' and not tolerating discrimination;
 - 3.4. supporting processes that encourage citizenship amongst people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities;
 - 3.5. funding and delivering a range of culturally specific services, programs and events; and
 - 3.6. seeking to reflect the cultural diversity of the community we serve.

4. Joins the United Nations Human Rights Council and Human Rights Committee in condemning indefinite and arbitrary detention of people seeking asylum as a gross violation of human rights.
5. Expresses grave concern at the inadequate provision of medical and mental health support services for the remaining people detained in the Park Hotel.
6. In the absence of a public justification for their continued detention, calls for the immediate release into the community of the men still detained in the Park Hotel.
7. Calls on all businesses, organisations and individuals in the municipality to be aware of human rights obligations and to act in support of people seeking asylum.
8. Requests the Lord Mayor to advocate the City of Melbourne position to the Minister for Immigration and Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs.

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Tuesday 16 February 2021

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Refugees

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

I would like the council to take a stand on the gross violation of human rights in treatment of the refugees who are indefinitely detained.

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Agenda item title: Park Hotel Refugees

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This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees. Recently, security workers at the hotel have reported experiencing COVID symptoms, putting the 13 refugees' health at greater risk.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

Therefore I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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My name is Carla and I'm a recent Arts graduate. I've been really saddened and concerned to see how the government is treating the men detained in the Park Hotel. I know a lot of people, especially young people, are also quite disgusted. So, I think Councillor Rohan Lepert's motion is an important step to ending this injustice. I hope this situation can be rectified soon, so Melbourne can start fulfilling its label as a Refugee Welcome Zone.

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It is shocking that Medevac refugees still remain in Park Hotel detention, in what is a designated “Refugee Welcome Zone”. As I embark on our third day in lockdown, I can’t begin to imagine what it must be like for those people in permanent lockdown inside a room, and with no release date. Prisons are more humane, and yet these refugees have committed no crime.

So I’m calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and the Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to: 1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community. 2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities. I implore you to do this.

Yours sincerely,

Liezl Shnookal

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Agenda item title: Human Rights Abuses

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While the City of Melbourne and Victoria experience a five day lock down, let's remember the men in the Park Hotel who have been locked down by the Commonwealth Government for years. Some more than seven years: in Nauru, Manus, Christmas Island, Queensland, Preston and now Carlton.

These men exercised their right to seek asylum, and have been charged with no crime; their indefinite, arbitrary detention is a gross violation of human rights being carried out by our elected leaders in our name. And it's happening right here in the heart of Melbourne.

I ask Council to agree with the UN Human Rights Council and Committee in condemning these human rights abuses, and call on the Government to immediately release the men into the community, as has happened recently to other groups.

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Re: Refugees in detention & those living in the community

The Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights.

These men are in your jurisdiction in Carlton and to say nothing and do nothing amounts to a complicit agreement with this mistreatment.

The city of Melbourne claims to be "Refugee Welcome Zone" however during the recent and ongoing incarceration of the Refugees in the Park Hotel there has been no word of welcome from the City of Melbourne for either the men inside the hotel nor for their friends and supporters outside the Hotel. Instead the City of Melbourne has tried to silence those outside the hotel by fining people [that these fines may have been rescinded doesn't lessen the fact that this was an intimidatory tactic]. and done nothing to stop the authorities from blackening the windows of the hotel so communication with those trapped inside is limited. The City of Melbourne is not looking very welcoming.

Maybe now there is a great opportunity for the City of Melbourne to show some real action on the Welcoming front .

1. I would like you to support the motion 7.1 that Councilor Rohan Leppert is putting forward on Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee.
2. I am calling on you and all other City of Melbourne councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.

Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

3. Provide real help. All these men that have now been released need real help. They were released with \$307 and a few weeks accommodation. They need accommodation, work , food and integration help. At present this is being provided in an ad hoc way by a group of supporters who are gathering money and, taking them out , feeding them , trying to find homes for the men.

Your Sincerely

Cat Macleod

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Agenda item title: Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Refugee advocacy

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

Also of deep concern is that City of Melbourne Officers have threatened to use Council by-laws relating to busking to assist Police in preventing protesters from publicising the plight of the medevac prisoners.

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to declare their opposition to this abuse of human rights, and to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
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Don Stokes,
Heidelberg

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Your question

I support the motion of Cr Leppert: Refugee advocacy. Agenda Item 7.1

Right in the heart of your lovely city sit 12 men, imprisoned still at the Park Hotel, in our name for no reason. They have committed no crime and their indefinite, arbitrary detention is a gross violation of human rights. We, the people, must rise up to stop this gross injustice. Melbourne City councillors can help by not staying quiet about this awful injustice being carried out in their beautiful city. They can help by not silently allowing this cruelty to continue. They can help by calling on the Federal Government to stop this callousness. Please, councillors, do what you can to get these men into the community where they will at least have some support, and may begin to heal from their trauma, both long term & recent.

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Human Rights – Asylum Seeker

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Council, can you please take a stand on the issue of the people seeking asylum whose human rights are being violated. This is unacceptable. Can we please rectify this horrendous issue and immediately release the people who are in detention in Melbourne.

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The Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton (701 Swanston St) as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) for a group of refugees that came to Australia under the Medevac laws. These men urgently needed medical assistance that was not available where they were held in offshore detention. They were moved to the Park Hotel on December 17, 2020, after spending up to 18 months in a different hotel in Preston. A few weeks ago a group of them were released but there are still 13 left in the APOD. This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights. It is happening in the City of Melbourne and it is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention. They have been held in detention (offshore and APODs) for over 8 years!

I would like to remind you all that the CoM has claimed it is a "Refugee Welcome Zone" and I am calling on the City of Melbourne council to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Dear sir/ madam,

Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park Hotel since December 2020. Before that they were locked up for up to 1,5 year in Mantra Bell City Hotel in Preston. Also there are still refugees locked up in MITA. This is all against the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

Since the CoM says to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone, this is unacceptable.

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Immediately release the remaining refugees in MITA
3. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

Kind regards,

Lieke Janssen

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Agenda item title: * Refugee Advocacy – Park Hotel Refugees

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am. Many in the community are concerned by the ongoing detention of refugees in the Park Hotel, Carlton, and by the lack of support given to recently released refugees from the hotel. We would like to see Council take steps to advocate for the release into the community of the refugees still held in the hotel, and to push for proper support (including Jobseeker payments and access to education/training) for those who have been allowed to leave.

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I request the City of Melbourne appeal to the Federal Government to release the remaining refugees detained at The Park Hotel, 701 Swanston Street, Carlton (10) and at MITA (22) who were brought to Australia under the Medevac legislation and all in long term detention. They are not criminals.

These people have been detained for over 7 years on Manus Island & Nauru and have now been locked in hotel rooms or Apods and detention centres for well over 12 months. The medical treatment they were supposed to receive is not forthcoming. Australia has failed them. One young man a Rohingya refugee, at The Park Prison is 24! He was detained as a minor, just 17 years old.

How have we become so cruel?

Refugees are given a special status in international law in recognition that they have lost protection in their own country. Article 31 of the Refugee Convention affords the refugee the right not to be penalised for illegal entry, the right to work (article 17) the right to housing (article 21)

It is not a crime to seek asylum from persecution or other serious human rights abuses, regardless of how you arrive. Under the a Refugee Convention, entering a Country without a visa must not be treated as illegal if a person

is seeking asylum.

Australia has a rich history of welcoming refugees since 1945. Deterrence tactics, such as turning back boats, offshore processing and temporary protection, take no account of the underlying human rights violations that prompt asylum seekers to make dangerous sea journeys . They punish one group to deter another, contrary to human rights law. As UNHCR chief Filippo Grandi said of Australia's policies ' There is a fundamental contradiction in saving people at sea, only to mistreat and neglect them on land'

Let's live up to our commitment as a 'Refugee Welcome Zone' and appeal to the Federal Government to end this torture permanently.

Thank you for your time.

Lisa Dempsey

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7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Rohan Leppert, Refugee Advocacy

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Please see my submission attached.

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15th February, 2021

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Dear Councillors,

in the strongest terms I urge you to accept Councillor Leppert's motion on all points, but especially points 5 and 6 calling for the support and release of those remaining people in forced detention at the Park Hotel Carlton into the community.

From the times of the first troubled meetings between the Peoples of the First Nation and the British who spoke in signs at Birrarung Marr, who looked down to the bay from Flagstaff Hill, who surveyed the growing city from the Separation Tree, to the Ballarat Chinese and Afghani diasporas; from the Flinders Lane rag trade to the Little Bourke Street eatery enclave, from the Holocaust survivors to the Vietnamese boat peoples, from the Iraqi's and Iranians, to the Sudanese, Somalians and Ethiopians, from the university student district in the north to the Docklands in the west, the multicultural impression of the Melbournite has been struck. Now the manifold voice of our galleries, our theatres, our small and large screens, our ovals, our eateries, our clothing, our religions our communities chorus to the world. We were welcomed and we welcome; our troubles are shared with extended families and neighbours, we thrive among all sorts; whatever we have known, whatever we give, whatever comes is caught in the rich folds of a diversely woven fabric.

That is why our representatives at the Town Hall must not equivocate when they lobby the big house in Canberra to welcome those remaining at the Park Hotel into our diverse community. We must support them to become the next writers, chefs, builders, actors, sportspeople and councillors, who will also show compassion as they will remember they were shown. I implore our current councillors to remember where they came from, who they are and what they wish for the future identity of Melbourne. Whether on the grounds of tourism and trade, on the reputation of the most liveable city 2011-2017, on the depth of our cultural experience or on the basic humanity that understands right from wrong, in full and united voice, you must call on Canberra to release the remaining asylum seekers from detention within the borders of our great city without delay.

yours sincerely

Matthew Crosby - actor, writer, director, teacher.

Nareeporn Vachananda - choreographer, academic, teacher.

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It is urgent that the Council of Melbourne redress the deplorable, unjust treatment of refugees in Australia.

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To the Future Melbourne Committee,

Medevac refugees have been detained in the Park Hotel since December 2020. There are currently 12 individuals still detained in this location.

The Park Hotel is located within the City of Melbourne.

I ask that the Future Melbourne Committee supports the Notice of Motion by Cr Leppert titled "Refugee Advocacy" in its entirety, including but not limited to the following:

- the Future Melbourne Committee joins the United Nations Human Rights Council and Human Rights Committee in condemning indefinite and arbitrary detention of people seeking asylum as a gross violation of human rights;
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In addition, I wish to highlight the following to the Future Melbourne Committee:

1. The Queensland Government has recently advocated to the Commonwealth Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon. Peter Dutton MP, for people detained in these centres to be released into community. Advice received by a refugee advocacy group states that the Commonwealth Government is now planning for this to occur. I purport that the passing of this motion will assist in requesting that the Victorian Government makes a similar submission to the Commonwealth Government.

2. On Friday 12th of February, I understand that a Serco guard presented with covid like symptoms whilst working at the Park Hotel. Whilst subsequent testing confirmed a negative result, the threat of contamination to the refugees, workers at the Park Hotel and the wider community is extremely high. Source: Refugee Action Coalition Sydney NSW Media Release 14/2/2021

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In conclusion, I note that the City of Melbourne is a proud signatory to Refugee Welcome Zone Declaration and ask that the Future Melbourne Committee aligns with this position in the consideration of this motion.

Regards

Maria Soupourzis

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*** PLEASE REPLACE MY ORIGINAL SUBMISSION WITH THE FOLLOWING SUBMISSION ***

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Dr Pela Soupourzis

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I am writing today to ask that you please, please speak up against the cruel treatment and indefinite detention of refugees in your council area and grant those released permanent protection, pathways to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to education and training courses.

My mind doesn't comprehend why this is an issue and not huge concern for everyone. I cannot understand why this is an topic for debate and why everyone is not heart broken and angry over the treatment of humans at the hands of our government.

As we enter our 3rd lockdown here in Melbourne, I think we can all sympathise that being stuck in your house, unable to socialise and enjoy lives pleasures takes a large toll on your mental health. These men's rights have been impacted further, they are not allowed to leave for exercise, they cannot cook for themselves, or do any of the basic tasks I'm sure all of you can agree kept us marginally sane during these lockdowns.

CoM prides itself on being a refugee welcome zone, where is the welcome?

I ask you, COM to please speak up and register your concern for the human rights violations at the hands of our

government, happening in your city. And for those who have been released in the past weeks, to have access to assistance and education so they can begin to rebuild their lives after the last 8 years have been cruelly stolen from them.

We can and should be doing better. Please, speak up about this. This will be in the history books, this is your chance to begin to turn the story around. To one of hope, compassion and humanity.

Thank you for your time.

Charlie Collins.

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Medevac refugees have been locked up in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

Please, you owe it to your constituents to uphold natural justice and the human rights of these innocent people

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am. In regards to the refugees currently held in the Park hotel, I am asking Council to agree with the UN Human Rights Council and Committee in condemning the human rights abuses these men have faced in detention, and calling on the Government to immediately release the men into the community, as has happened recently to other groups.

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7.1 Free refugees in park hotel

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Name: * Jesse Black

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Your question

The fact that this is an ongoing issue after 7–8 years is honestly appealing and something that a 'Proud Nation' should be embarrassed by, I know that I am currently not proud to be an Australian. Locking innocent people to the constraints of a small room for years is inhumane and something that I would not put any animal through let alone another human who has done nothing wrong apart from wishing upon a better life for themselves and family. So my question is this, is it a crime to flee a war torn country and if you were in their shoes would you not do the same thing? I want you to think of your family, your parents, sisters, brothers and children now can you really tell yourself that the way these people a being treated is fair in any way shape or form. 8 long years!!!! That's a tenth of your life confined in a prison cell for doing nothing wrong. People have committed serious crimes and served less. I beg you to please consider how these people are treated and what they have had to go through. Enough is enough let them live the rest of their lives free in our beautiful country.

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Name: * Dina Saifo

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Agenda item title: Refugee Advocacy

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Medevacrefugees have been locked in the Park Hotel Detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the rights of Refugees.

This is extremely appalling considering the Com purports to be a 'Refugee Welcome Zone'.

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister of Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister, Scott Morrison to:

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Name: * Carol Vernon

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Agenda item title: Notice of Motion: Refugee Advocacy

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I call upon all members of the Future Member Committee to support the Motion moved by Cr Leppert and Seconded by Cr Ball, fully, as it is written.

As a Melbourne City resident and rate payer, I further support any actions taken by the future Melbourne Committee to ensure that the actions outlined in the motion are implemented by the City of Melbourne Council.

The present situation is untenable for a council that is a signatory to the Refugee Welcome zone Declaration.

I would urge the Future Member Committee and the City of Melbourne Council to, additionally and urgently, request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison to:

- * immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community and
- * provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship

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Agenda item title: 7.1 Refugee Advocacy

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I am concerned that Medevac refugees have been locked in Park Hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of Australia's obligations under the UN Convention of the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly distressing given the understanding that the people of Melbourne have on the impacts on people of restriction of movement due to the Covid lockdowns. The City of Melbourne is a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I ask the Lord Mayor and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison to:

1. release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community;
2. provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to income and access to education and training opportunities.

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Name: * John Vernon

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Agenda item title: * Notice of Motion Refugee Advocacy

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. I strongly support the Refugee Advocacy Motion of Cr Leppert and Seconded by Cr Ball.

Submissions will not be accepted after 10am. This is an opportunity for councillors to demonstrate that they do not agree with the illegal, indefinite detention of legal refugees escaping persecution and violence.

The refugees that have been released by the federal government are in serious need of care and support and the City of Melbourne has many opportunities to do so.

I hope the councillors, will find generosity in their hearts and earn a commendable place in history by their positive intervention for refugees.

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Name: * Oscar Bennett

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Agenda item title: Release of refugees

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It makes me sick as an Australian citizen to watch the Australian government continually refuse these poor persecuted individuals from

Entering our society. These people who have skills, experience and character that would only add value to our nation are instead treated like animals and locked away in conditions like the park hotel and various detention centres.

The refugees still detained are experiencing significant trauma that is being exacerbated by their indefinite detention. They haven't had fresh air in years or any freedom of movement. Some of them, as young as 24 have spent a third of their lives in prison conditions for no crime. These people, even before this situation, were some of the most persecuted people on the planet.

The released refugees do not receive anywhere near the support they require. They are given a total of \$307, not entitled to Centrelink, not allowed to undertake any study that would make them employable (ranging from tafe, to RSA to barrista courses) and yet are expected to fend for themselves notwithstanding the array of traumatic experiences that they have endured and their visa only lasts 6months giving them even more uncertainty. Government spend on offshore detention has averaged 1 billion dollars a year, yet we find ourselves under-resourced when it comes to providing for these people in desperate need.

It would be a travesty to not see these poor people released into society with the government support that they deserve and require.

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As a Carlton resident and student at the University of Melbourne, I am deeply troubled that asylum seekers are still, after years in offshore detention, being detained in the City of Melbourne in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

I believe my local council has not been strong enough on denouncing their treatment by the Federal Government and its contractors – particularly considering we are supposed to be a 'Refugee Welcome Zone'.

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

We are all in lockdown and, while difficult for some, it is nothing compared to the years of involuntary and illegal detention these men have been subject to by "our" Government.

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Detained refugees in Australia are some of the most persecuted people on the planet. Not-only have they fled some of the most oppressive conditions one could imagine, putting their lives at risk to come here having no other option, but after having done so they have had their persecution continued in our name, using our taxpayer dollars. Spend on our offshore detention policy has averaged a billion dollars a year. Imagine how many Australians could be helped with this money. Our bushfire victims, our homeless population, our farmers all of whom are in constant need of our support. Not to mention these refugees, for whom it would be exponentially cheaper to support rather than oppress.

On this topic, the support extended to released refugees has been dismal. These people have finally been granted their freedom, after up to 8 years in detention, but how free are they in practice? They are not entitled to Centrelink, their visas are only for 6 months, they have been given \$307 to live off and yet they are not able to undertake any study that would make them employable (ranging from tafe to RSA certificates). Restarting your life in a foreign country is hard enough, let alone doing so after what these people have been through, so why would we not want to give them the same opportunities to thrive and succeed as other Australians. We need to give these people the best possible chance to contribute to society in a manner that will benefit our country in the greatest possible way. This, incidentally, is also the ideal outcome from a humanitarian perspective, showing these

individuals a level of basic respect as fellow humans. These people have faced a lifetime of torture that cannot easily be undone, and this is not what I am requesting of our government. Instead we simply ask that you give these people the best possible chance to improve their dire situation, not to undo the harm done, but to try and prevent its intensification.

Our asylum seeker policy wasn't founded on any legitimate basis. There is no ethical or economic foundation to it that hasn't since been shown to be, at best shaky and for the most part just plainly false. We have drawn criticism ranging from the UN to Kim Jong-un. We understand now that these people have become pawns for government votes and that there is no basic consideration shown towards them as fellow human beings. We need to find it within ourselves to rewrite this dark chapter for Australia and place ourselves on the right side of history. I would implore the Melbourne City Council to consider this issue with urgency, and to play its part in starting a vital conversation within the government.

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Free the refugees!!

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It is inhumane to keep people who have done nothing wrong locked away in hotels and detention centres. There is no acceptable reason for their detainment and something must be done. Not only should they be freed, but they should also be provided assistance to access the opportunities that i, and many others, take for granted as Australians.

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This is even more appalling considering the City of Melbourne claims to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone".

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the

Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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Name: * Bernadette Figgis

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Your question

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To add on to this email, my name is Jasmine Harding and I am a year 11 student. I found lockdown extremely hard to the point that my mental health got worse and I suffered from depression. If I went through that in 3 months, can't you imagine how the men locked up for years are feeling? Is this who we are as and country? and do you want to separate people from their families and friends any longer? Take a few moments to put yourself in their position.

How would you feel not seeing your loved ones or being able to have freedom? Please do the right thing and stand up for these men. We can't give them back the 8 years that they have already lost. But we can unite together and make this end.

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Agenda item title: Refugee Justice in the City of Melbourne

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That the Future Melbourne Committee:

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I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.
3. Make a statement against excessive police force, surveillance and harassment at recent refugee justice protests.

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7.1 refugee advocacy

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I would like to ask how Can Melbourne, a city which has previously been honoured with the Title of “Most liveable City” imprison innocent refugees within its CBD in Hotels without letting them leave for fresh air or to even meet other people for company and without any end in sight. How can Melbourne City Council allow such abuses of basic human rights to take place right under its nose?

I would ask you to support the motions tabled by Cr Leppert and give these poor innocent people their basic human rights back.

Katie Rawling

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I wish to strongly support the submission by Cr Rohan Leppert regarding refugee advocacy. Melbourne prides itself on its cultural diversity and openness and yet we are willingly participating in the hideous incarceration of people who have committed no crime.

The short periods of lockdown over the course of the Covid19 pandemic in Melbourne have shown us how difficult isolation can be on our mental health and wellbeing. What we have been through though is nothing compared to the years of isolation these remaining refugees have suffered in detention in Australia and Melbourne.

If you consider yourselves to be people who represent this city, to have morals and to be worth of the offices you hold I strongly urge you to endorse the motions tabled by Cr Rohan Leppert.

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The detention of refugees in Melbourne is an egregious abuse of human-rights. These people have suffered some of the worst conditions that a human could ever endure, prior to being locked away for their desire to improve these conditions. Not only is this profoundly immoral, but it is also costing taxpayers an average of a billion dollars a year. There is no sense to this other than an attempt at gaining votes alongside extensive campaigns of misinformation targeted towards these people. They have become tools for the government's political ends, and the Australian people have had enough. The international community looks on to us with scorn and we should be hanging our heads in shame. Finally, when these people are released, they are given minimal support and expected to essentially fend for themselves with little to no rights to study, nor to centrelink or other forms of public financial assistance (other than a measly \$307). This needs to change.

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Dear Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and fellow Melbourne City Councillors,

I am disgusted that you have been allowing ticket inspectors and other local level administrative matters like inappropriate wielding of anti-busking laws pressure and punish dissenting community members from your plan to support the torture, punishment and imprisonment of the Medevac refugees at the Park hotel detention since December 2020. Your leader's actions mean the Melbourne City Council is aiding and abetting the organised torture and imprisonment of legally recognised refugees, and moreover, people who have committed no crime and are in fact not alleged to have committed any crime.

Doing so contravenes the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees, while doing so in what you branded as a "Refugee Welcome Zone" contravenes your own basic humanity and claims to decency, rationality and order. I hope your subconscious is ashamed and disturbs you against your conscious choices. I ask you to reflect: is this the purpose of government? Is this why you ran?

I call on all councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.

2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

"I further call on all Melbourne City Councillors to:

3. Issue a written complaint to the Andrews government about the behaviour of police at the Park Hotel site, performing a "wedge" manoeuvre to break up a peaceful protest on Saturday 16th January. During this manoeuvre, the group's 2 assigned police liaison officers were assaulted by Victoria Police, with one being thrown to the cement, and another punched in the face by police. Both liaison officers were women of colour, and the incidents were captured on social media.

4. Issue a written invitation to the Andrews government to join you in your appeal to the federal government viz the first 2 points above, and to stop tolerating the Park Hotel site on the grounds that it is an ongoing series of Crimes Against Humanity, which are also codified in Australian Law under The International Criminal Court Act 2002 (Commonwealth).

If the council is unable to effect these actions, I call on dissenting councillors to censure Lord Mayor Sally Capp, who by taking actions to actively engage in the torture and imprisonment of legally recognised refugees, has failed to demonstrate the principles of Councillor Conduct. By aiding and abetting torture and imprisonment of people who have not committed a crime, including by taking steps to impede and punish local community citizens in your own electorate who cannot believe you are letting the Park Hotel torture experiment happen, Capp has failed to "act with integrity" and "impartially exercise responsibilities in the interests of the local community". Capp has failed in her obligation to "treat all persons with respect"; "exercise reasonable care and diligence"; "endeavour to ensure that public resources are used prudently and in the public interest"; "act lawfully"; "and lead by example and act in a way that secures public confidence in the office of Councillor".

Your electorate does not want these human rights abuses to continue, not at all and not under the banner of your gaslighting hypocrisy of Melbourne as a supposed "Refugee Welcome Zone". You demean the purpose of all our lives with your actions, and your inaction.

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Agenda item title: Agenda item 7.1: Refugee advocacy

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The Detention of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the City of Melbourne.

I write to urge the City of Melbourne and all its Councillors to acknowledge and protest the cruel and immoral detention of all legal asylum seekers and refugees within the bounds of the City of Melbourne.

As is widely known, both here and overseas, the Australian Federal Government have imprisoned Medevac refugees in the Park Hotel Alternative Detention facility (701 Swanston St, Carlton) since December, 2020. This is in direct contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

The reason for this is purely political and amounts to our Government using the lives of innocent human beings as an example and a deterrent to all future asylum seekers attempting to reach Australia for refuge. This is an unacceptable way to treat innocent human beings.

This is particularly appalling considering it is being perpetrated within the bounds of the City of Melbourne which claims to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone".

I therefore entreat the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and all City of Melbourne Councillors to urgently request that the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community, and
2. Provide all the Medevac refugees, recently released into the community, with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

This is the only way to treat these people with compassion and respect and to repair the serious damage to Australia's reputation and to go some way to heal the shame felt by so many Australians.

The City of Melbourne must make formal objection to the Federal Government to add its weight and support to bring about the end this immoral practice.

Bernard Peasley

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I would like to support the motion put by Cr. Leppert, as the City of Melbourne is a signatory to the Refugee Welcome Zone Declaration.

However, I feel that the motion does not go far enough.

I would like to see the City of Melbourne advocate to the relevant Commonwealth Minister (Dutton) to:

1. Immediately end the arbitrary detention of all refugees held at the Park Hotel and release them into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a pathway to citizenship, with access to social security benefits and to educational opportunities.
3. Create opportunities for released refugees to gain employment, particularly given the immediate need for fruit pickers in regional Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Robinson

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Agenda item title: 7.1 Medevac Refugees to be released to community

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Medevac refugees have been locked in hotel detention for 15 months and the remaining people in Park Hotel Prison have watched their friends be released in December 2020 and January 2021.

This is in contravention of the UN Convention of the Rights of Refugees. This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a 'Refugee Welcome Zone'.

This amounts to torture the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights.

I am calling on the Lord May Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to; Immediately release the remaining refugees at Park Hotel and MITA into the community. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship , access to JobSeeker and access to post secondary educational and training opportunities.

I would also like to bring CoM attention to recently increased policing at areas of public protest, this increased policing led to physical assault and involved police pushing women of colour who were peacefully protesting and asking for their Badge numbers.

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7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Rohan Leppert, Refugee Advocacy

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I urge you to support the above motion and free the refugees who have been imprisoned against their will. Please consider them as human beings who have rights which are currently being broken and overlooked. You have the power to give these people their lives back. Please release them into the community, and allow them to access the appropriate support they need to attain housing and financial assistance.

Please consider this and weigh it with the gravity it deserves!

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Agenda item title: Free our friends NOW.

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I implore those of you in positions of influence regarding the matter of Australia's refugee population, both imprisoned offshore and within our communities, to use your power to restore basic and fundamental human rights to these people whose only crime was undertaking actions that any of us would have undertaken in their position. For someone to spend months or years of their life attempting to escape dangers that have already taken the lives of their loved ones and members of their community to then be detained in such torturous and deplorable conditions for over EIGHT YEARS, makes me ashamed to live in this country and pay taxes to a government that allows and exorbitantly funds this system of torture fueled by racism and a fundamental lack of humanity.

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7.1 Refugee Advocacy

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

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My submission is to state my full support for Councillor Rohan Leppert's motion to immediately release the asylum seekers currently held in the Park Hotel. They have committed no crime by seeking asylum and their unnecessarily long detention is contributing to one of this nation's most evil practices of taking years away from innocent lives who are simply seeking a life free from oppression.

I join Councillor Leppert in calling on the Government to immediately release the men into the community, as has happened recently to other groups.

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As a signatory to the Refugees Welcome Zone Declaration, I call on the Melbourne City Council to pass this motion and condemn Australia's ongoing egregious treatment of refugees.

Right now there are 13 men being held as prisoners at the Park Hotel at 701 Swanston Street Carlton, each of these men are here in Melbourne because their homes have become unlivable and they've had no choice but to seek refuge elsewhere, coming to Australia in an effort to be free of persecution, and unfortunately have not found any such freedom. The Australian government has an obligation to help those in need rather than needlessly punish them, especially in the absence of any actual crime being committed.

I don't want to seem naive, I've thought long and hard about why they are being kept in detention when it seemingly advantages no-one, not even the Australian public. All 13 of these men have the right to seek asylum, a humanitarian would call it a flagrant abuse of human rights, a capitalist would say it is unnecessarily putting the taxpayer out of pocket. I can think of almost no lense through which to view this issue that helps me to understand the internal logic of the decisions made by the Australian government regarding this issue. There is only one way for me to understand these actions, and that is that the Australian government takes pride in this racist, bigoted and discriminatory policy that seeks to harm and alienate anyone who is different than us in the interest of "preserving" a culture that is already deeply rooted in immigration.

The 13 men at the park hotel have not seen freedom for almost 8 years, and for approximately 574 days they have not been let out of their hotel accommodation. They aren't allowed to walk in the park, or go grocery shopping, or see any family. This past year we've all personally felt what it's like to be isolated from the rest of the world, and even we have been granted the aforementioned concessions. These men have nothing, no plan for the future, no expectations of happiness, no life, they are all in limbo. For no reason. Furthermore the treatment they receive at the prison they live in is unacceptable, their windows have been tinted under the guise of "climate control" inside a hotel with air conditioning so that their friends on the outside are unable to see them. Their meal times are scheduled to coincide with the daily protests that are held outside the hotel so that they have to choose between seeing their friends and eating dinner. We also just recently learnt that a guard working at the hotel on Friday the 12th of February was exhibiting cold and flu symptoms and as a result all the men are being made to further self isolate inside their rooms, giving up even the interactions they are allowed to have with each other.

I want the Melbourne City Council to support this motion. Melbourne City is officially a refugee welcome zone, a sentiment I can only imagine is beyond irony to the men who feel distinctly unwelcome here. I support this motion and think it is the duty of the Melbourne City council to show compassion and benevolence towards these men by defending them against the Australian Government.

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Re: 7.1 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Refugee advocacy

I am writing to express to the committee my deep concern that our Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights. Please support the motion 7.1 that Councilor Rohan Leppert is putting forward at this meeting.

I call on you to consider the values of the City of Melbourne, as a Refugee Welcome Zone, and therefore to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

Can the City of Melbourne truly be considered a place of welcome to refugees, when so many are continually and indefinitely detained here for no crime?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Abigail Benham-Bannon

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On the 29th of February 2020, I went to the Mantra Bell City hotel for the first time for a protest. For years I had been going to protests in the city, chanting down Swanston Street, but this was the first time I had seen refugees in detention on so-called Australian soil. We could see these men, craning so they could see us on the street through the small openings their window allowed, talking to us on the phone via loud speaker, gesturing, waving, thanking us for being there. I'm centring myself here because I want you to centre yourself in these men's experience that is happening in our city, not think of it as something happening far away to someone else. Go to the Park Hotel, hear these men's voices, see them if you can, if the hotel haven't hidden them behind tinted windows. These are human beings, and our governments have treated them worse than animals, like concepts, like ideas, like something that can be hidden and defeated. The difference in the faces of the men who were released earlier this year when compared to the photos they took in detention is incredible. They have come to life again. You can be a part of making that happen. At that protest in February 2020, Senator Lidia Thorpe and Aunty June Mills spoke to us, and they said there's more good people than bad people in this country. I'm calling on you all to be good people.

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

Please, in the name of all that is good and fair in the people of Australia, free these refugees from their years of suffering and offer them a life worth living. Give them the dignity of freedom, the chance to live in a safe community and the opportunity for meaningful work. Please let the contribution of the City of Melbourne, towards the healing of these victims of injustice, be on the RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY.

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My name is Campbell, I am writing in support of Councillor Leppert's Refugee Advocacy motion.

My Jewish grandmother fled Poland immediately before the outbreak of World War II and the Holocaust. She found refuge here in Melbourne. She lived in Melbourne and the Mallee for the rest of her life and made a valuable contribution to the cultural, social and economic life of the community.

Like me, she would have been appalled at successive governments' cruel policies of mandatory and indefinite detention of refugees.

I hope that the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and all councillors will support Councillor Leppert's Refugee Advocacy motion.

I hope that you will consider adding an additional item in between 6 and 7 along the following lines, 'That upon their release into the community, the men be provided with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training 'opportunities.'

Yours sincerely,
Campbell Gome

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Good afternoon,

I am writing about the refugees in Park Hotel Carlton who came to Melbourne under the Medevac bill and are being denied their human rights. I am extremely concerned for their well-being, health and future.

As City of Melbourne purports to be a 'refugee welcome zone' I am appalled to see this occurring in our very neighbourhood.

I call upon Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicolas Reece and other councillors to stand up against these abhorrent crimes and put their voices and support behind these innocent people. I implore them to urgently request to Scott Morrison, Alex Hawke and Peter Dutton to release the remaining refugees from the Park Hotel, and to provide Jobseeker, educational and training opportunists with a clear pathway to permanent residency.

I believe this will be a time in history which is scrutinised very closely, and those who turned their backs on these innocent refugees and asylum seekers and supported their illegal detainment, will be remembered.

I appreciate your time.

Yours Sincerely,

Laura Trenerry

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Free the detainees

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Free the detainees

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Agenda item title: Refugee advocacy

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particular appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone"

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary education and training opportunities.

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I provide this submission in support of motion 7.1 put forward by Councillor Rohan Leppert.

As a proud Victorian, I am continually alarmed that our federal government continues its relentless torture of innocent refugees that have already endured indescribable persecutions and loss of liberties.

The remaining refugees are being held within the City of Melbourne – at the Park Hotel in Carlton – for Alternative Place of Detention (APOD).

This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

Furthermore, this treatment amounts to torture and the deprivation of liberty, and is not fitting of a civilised society.

I implore all councillors to support the motion 7.1 put forward by Councillor Rohan Leppert on Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee.

Please also make the following requests to Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.

Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to

post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

We Melbournians are better than this.

Yours Sincerely,

Joanne Fitton

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Agenda item title: Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Refugee advocacy

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the City of Melbourne purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

There have been many times during the lockdown where I've thought about how strange it is that we're all staying inside for months on end, away from community, away from each other. I cannot begin to imagine what it must be like for those still in detention off and onshore, and particularly in the Park Hotel where they have seen life in Melbourne restart again without them (until the most recent circuit breaker).

To be clear, I very much support the lockdown measures that Melbournians have undertaken in order to deal with the virus, however, I know exactly for what purpose we're doing it and (by and large) for how long. The same cannot be said for those in detention and this is unacceptable.

While I was relieved to hear that the majority of people held at the Hotel were released earlier this year, I was angry when I found out that Minister Dutton cited cost savings as the reason for this decision, instead of compassion and basic decency (not to mention, ignoring the advocates who've drawn attention to the high costs of detention for years).

If Melbourne is truly a 'refugee welcome zone' then we cannot let inhumane refugee policy – nor political indifference to the lives of others, continue.

I am respectfully calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece on behalf of the Council, to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

Thank you

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

One of the rare benefits to Covid lockdowns is the reduction of air travel over our suburb.

The resulting respite from aviation noise pollution has been palpable and enthusiastically welcomed.

There is a return of abundant calming birdsong dominating the neighbourhood audio instead of anxiety driving jetstreams and choppers.

We did not choose to live under an unvetted aerial freeway, and unlike automobile noise pollution, we can not seek the installation of the physical noise reduction barriers which line our vehicular arterials.

Approval of this NFA motion will prioritise respect for residents over non-essential air travel across our neighbourhood's skies, allowing windows to remain open, dinner conversations on balconies and peace and calm synonymous with our tranquil suburb to be maintained.

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

As a signatory to the Refugees Welcome Zone Declaration, I call on the Melbourne City Council to pass this motion and condemn Australia's ongoing deplorable treatment of refugees.

Currently, 13 men are still being held in indefinite detention in the Park Hotel in Melbourne whilst others are being detained at Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (MITA). These men have all been granted refugee status, and should be resettled in Australia permanently in accordance with Australia's obligation to ensure basic human rights for asylum seekers and refugees. These include the right to freedom, and the right to seek asylum.

These men have been detained for 8 years for attempting to seek a safer life here in Australia. 8 years ago these men decided to flee their home countries because their lives were being threatened by war, violence and genocide. I have no doubt that any Australian would make the same decision if faced with these grave circumstances.

I was brought up on the idea that Australia is a welcoming country, but the Federal government's treatment of refugees completely shatters that ideal. It is clear that our welcoming nature only extends to certain people, from certain places and under certain circumstances.

Over the past month I have befriended many of the men who still remain in the Park Hotel and MITA. In spite of Australia's ongoing abuse of these men, they want nothing but to build a life here and be part of the Australian community.

All Melbournians know how it feels to experience a lockdown where our freedoms are limited and we are deprived of socialising. These refugees have been in a far more severe lockdown without even access to fresh air for up to 20 months. Melbournians' resistance to the lockdown was largely due to concerns for people's mental health. The mental health of these men is suffering greatly. It is imperative that we extend this same concern to them especially considering that they have no access to mental health support.

The way that the guards in the hotel, employed by Serco, treat these men has intensified their suffering deeply. Their inhumanity and cruelty involves: constantly threatening the men; putting up tinting on the hotel windows in an attempt to obscure them from city-goers and the protestors; and changing meal times so that the men have to choose between seeing their friends at the daily protests or eating dinner. The lack of concern for the wellbeing and safety of the men is evident in how one Serco worker came to work on Friday 12th February, 2021, despite experiencing cold and flu symptoms. This irresponsible decision caused the men to become extremely distressed and they had to isolate in their rooms in case the worker tested positive for COVID-19.

I call on Melbourne City Council to support this motion, and uphold the values associated with being a Refugee Welcome Zone. As a concerned community member, I strongly support this motion, and encourage Melbourne City Council to defend these innocent men seeking safety and freedom in our community. I call on all City of Melbourne councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison: Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.

Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Name: * Avigon Paphitis

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Your question

I am a 31 year old Melbournian, the child of second generation immigrants who came here, BY BOAT, for a better life.

Within two generations I am educated at the University of Melbourne, enjoy flat-whites on weekends, battle traffic on Punt Road and run a successful consultancy business.

I (grandchild of boat people) could be your friend, your child, your lover.

My father, a first generation Australian (son of boat people) is considered one of the world's most successful entrepreneurs in modern day cosmetic history. We are the model of what the Australian dream could mean for many, but today is the reality of few.

Today, people are detained without hope for 7 years.

This is the Australian dream.

They are treated like criminals for committing the same act as my grandparents 2 generations ago.

I ask us to lean into our humanity and reframe our view of 'boat people' and RELEASE THE REFUGEES kept in

quarantine.

I ask you as human beings to think of the individuals detained & imprisoned for seven years and give them hope, a future, 'a fair go'.

Let today be a day where we can be proud of how we treated others & release the refugees in hotel quarantine. That would be truly Australian. That would be a fair go for all.

My question is, will you?

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I feel compelled to submit my feelings regarding the use of the Park Hotel in Carlton for the extended incarceration of legal refugees.

The Australian immigration system is an abhorrent, intentional demonstration to the people of the developing world that immiseration and deprivation await anyone who attempts to migrate here under the humanitarian visa system of unexpected arrival, a system that was designed to offer humanitarian support to those people who need it most.

My condemnation of this barbaric use of deprivation as torture to dissuade humanitarian immigration is not merely a personal sentiment. It is routinely condemned by international agencies up to and including the United Nations – a deeply embarrassing irony for a people who's government so loves to demand of other sovereign nations their adherence to international laws and norms. The fact that our treatment of refugees is intentionally cruel is hardly a secret – the posters in Indonesia warn of such a fate; "You will not make Australia home".

I believe it is abhorrent and disgraceful that a venue in Melbourne is currently playing an active role in this credibly murderous and racist system. I support wholeheartedly the motion put forward by Cnr. Leppert.

It is my strongest wish that these individuals be released into the community without delay and with the full support of our federal, state and local governments.

In which case, if justice can be done, it would not be theirs to be thankful, but for we Australians to be accommodating and repentive. This is the first step we must take.

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Agenda item title: 7.1 Refugee advocacy

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Re: Refugees in detention & those living in the community

I am making this submission as I am shocked to see that the Australian Government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue the torture of innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne, in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

This torture and deprivation of liberty is particularly appalling considering the City of Melbourne is a signatory to the Refugee Welcome Zone Declaration. The City of Melbourne needs to demonstrate its willingness to uphold the human rights of refugees, show compassion and speak up when refugee rights are being violated.

I am writing this submission in support of motion 7.1 that Cr Rohan Leppert is putting forward on Tuesday 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee.

I am calling on you and all other City of Melbourne councillors to support this motion and call for the immediate release of the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community, as well as provision of support, including a

permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to educational and training opportunities.

Sincerely,

Suzana Dewa

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I offer my support for this motion proposed by councillor Leppert.

It must be acknowledged that the obligations of government towards people seeking asylum in Australia extend beyond the mere processing of their claims. It must include the conditions under which these people are living as these claims are being processed. I believe that the detention of those in the Park Hotel must be considered in this light.

I urge the council to take up the stance proposed in this motion, and to understand the weight of its silence should it choose not to do so.

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Date of meeting: * Thursday 16 December 2021

Agenda item title: Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Refugee advocacy

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Re: Refugees in detention & those living in the community

I am making this submission as I am shocked to see that our Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention. This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights. This is also particularly appalling considering the City of Melbourne purports to be a Refugee Welcome Zone and therefore, the council needs to demonstrate through its actions that it is willing to uphold the human rights of refugees, show compassion and speak up when refugee rights are being violated. Therefore, I am writing this submission in support of motion 7.1 that Councillor Rohan Leppert is putting forward on Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee. I am calling on you and all other City of Melbourne councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison: Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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I am writing to express my support for Agenda item 7.1, the motion brought forward by Rohan Leppert.

This motion addresses my shared concern and outrage at the indefinite imprisonment of the remaining refugees inside the Park Hotel in Melbourne. The situation within the Park Hotel is cruel and inhumane. These men were moved here to receive medical assistance, and have not only been denied adequate medical support, but have further been detained at the hotel with no release date in sight.

This gross injustice highlights this Government's lack of empathy, blatant disregard for basic human rights and endorsement of cruel, harmful and lethal actions and behaviours. Moreover, it illustrates the Government's failure to recognise the contribution of migrants to Australia, both historically and currently in every aspect of our lives.

I am appalled to see that our government has allowed and directly caused such harm to fall upon people seeking refuge and safety. This type of cruelty should not have a place in our community, and as an Australian Citizen I feel a deep sense of shame that we have allowed this to occur in this country.

Thus, I would like to formally express my support for this motion. I believe the Future Melbourne Committee must publicly condemn the current situation within the Park Hotel and call for immediate action as requested within this motion. Additionally, the provision of adequate support for these men once freed is vital to this motion.

Thank you, Polly Hellier Morton.

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am. 8 years too long these men have been detained in Australia. This violation of their human rights is criminal and inhumane. Is it not torture enough that these people have had to flee war and persecution via a dangerous journey to our shores. How dare we treat them with hostility and a similar persecution upon their arrival. If the Australian government is able to spend millions annually detaining refugees, I'm sure they can scrape together a few thousand or whatever it takes, to release these men and help them get on their feet in our community.

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Your question

Motion item 7.1

Seven years these Asylum Seekers have been in detention. It is in humane. It is time they were released into the community.

Please take a stand on this issue.

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Release refugees in Park Hotel

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

It is a human rights abuse to indefinitely detain refugees.
Release all refugees into the community.

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Tuesday 16 February 2021

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Refugee Advocacy

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

I am calling on all councilors to represent the spirit of Melbourne and advocate for the immediate release of the refugees still left in the Park Hotel.

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We do not want our city to be one that stands by while people are hurting, we need to fight for their freedom.

We need to continue to advocate alongside them for better mental health and financial support.

We need to welcome refugees and show them what a warm and caring city we are.

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Refugees detained in Park Hotel

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I am shocked to see that our Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights. I am writing this email as I would like you to support the motion 7.1 that Councilor Rohan Leppert is putting forward on Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee.

I am calling on you and all other City of Melbourne councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.

Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Name: * Eleanor Davey

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: General Business: Item 7.1 Notice of Motion: Cr Rohan Leppert, Refugee Advocacy)

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this meeting of the City of Melbourne Council.

I am making this submission as I am appalled that our Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture of innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention and Australia's human rights obligations. It is indecent.

The treatment of these individuals – both their indefinite detention and the conditions of their detention – is a gross violation of human rights. It is systematically breaking people. That this is happening in Melbourne is particularly repugnant considering the City of Melbourne purports to be a Refugee Welcome Zone. The Council needs to demonstrate through its actions that it is willing to uphold the human rights of refugees, show compassion and speak up when refugee rights are being violated.

The Council cannot choose to show 'welcome' only to some refugees while allowing the cruel torture of others to continue without opposition.

Therefore, I am writing this submission in support of motion 7.1 that Councillor Rohan Leppert is putting forward on Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee.

I am calling on all City of Melbourne Councilors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

Melbourne prides itself on being a diverse and open-minded community. Ignoring the torture of refugees within the city is incompatible with that identity.

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Agenda item title: URGENT: Refugees detained in Park Hotel

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I am writing this email as I am extremely disappointed to see that our Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture of innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights. I am writing this email as I would like you to support the motion 7.1 that Councilor Rohan Leppert is putting forward on Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee.

I am calling on you and all other City of Melbourne councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.

Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: 7.1 Refugee Advocacy

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Re: Refugees in detention & those living in the community I am making this submission as I am shocked to see that our Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention. This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights. This is also particularly appalling considering the City of Melbourne purports to be a Refugee Welcome Zone and therefore, the council needs to demonstrate through its actions that it is willing to uphold the human rights of refugees, show compassion and speak up when refugee rights are being violated. Therefore, I am writing this submission in support of motion 7.1 that Councillor Rohan Leppert is putting forward on Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee. I am calling on you and all other City of Melbourne councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison: Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Agenda item title: 7.1 Refugees

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors

I am writing to each of you this evening with an urgent plea.

My father came to Australia as a refugee 68 years ago, ethnically cleansed from his homeland, he found refuge in an far different Australia than the one we find ourselves in today, that Australia was not as multicultural but it was an Australia that was at least welcoming of those most despised and those bereft of anywhere to go.

My father has long passed and whilst he saw the rise of the ilk of Pauline Hanson and the language of division, marginalisation and ostracism used to score cheap political points I don't think he could have imagined Australia being as callous and cruel as it is today.

The country he loved and would have died for, that gave him a homeland when he was denied one, that allowed him to find love, marry, raise, educate and see his children married is now barely recognisable.

When did we become so very merciless?

I am outraged that our Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention. This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights.

This is also particularly appalling, considering the City of Melbourne purports to be a Refugee Welcome Zone, accordingly it is incumbent upon the council needs to demonstrate through its actions that it is willing to uphold the human rights of refugees, show compassion and speak up when refugee rights are being violated.

I write this submission in support of motion 7.1 that Councillor Rohan Leppert is putting forward on Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee.

I urge each of you and the City of Melbourne to urgently request a meeting with the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison and to demand the immediate release of the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.

Further it is essential that the recently released refugees be given a pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

I hope and pray that the magnanimous, beautiful Australian spirit that welcomed my father when he was exiled from his beloved Palestine exists today within this council.

I commend the motion to you all and trust that you will restore my belief in our shared goodwill and humanity.

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Agenda item title: Notice of Motion: Cr Rohan Leppert, Refugee Advocacy

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

The detaining of refugees in an APOD is a violation of human rights and is actively disempowering potential members of our communities who could contribute to the city we live in. It is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention, and it is disgusting to see.

I am calling all City of Melbourne councillors to support Cr Leppert's motion; release the refugees and provide pathways to citizenship and access to education.

I ask how most of you can sit by and watch people be tortured by a country they sought safety in? Those people deserve the same safety and warmth that we benefit from every day, and their release won't detract from our privileged lives in Melbourne. Perhaps it's a moment to embrace, and become stronger through others. I honestly thought The City of Melbourne was better than this.

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Name: * Holly Orsag

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Free the innocent people seeking asylum from the Park Hotel

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors,

I want to express my sincere concern as I am appalled that our Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture innocent people seeking asylum in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

This amounts to torture, the deprivation of liberty and is a gross violation of human rights. I am writing this email as I would like you to support the motion 7.1 that Councilor Rohan Leppert is putting forward today, Tuesday, 16 February at the Future Melbourne Committee.

I am calling on you as elected members of our community to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

Yours Sincerely,
Holly Orsag (she/her)

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Refugees in the City of Melbourne

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

The City of Melbourne has been declared a “Refugee Welcome Zone” since 2002. Yet currently the Federal government is using the Park Hotel in Carlton as an Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) to continue its ongoing torture of innocent refugees in the City of Melbourne. This is in contravention of the 1951 UN Refugee Convention. Melbourne has an opportunity to take a stand for justice and what is right. The majority of our community is appalled at what is happening to these innocent asylum seekers within our city.

I am calling on you and all other City of Melbourne councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Refugee advocacy

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Medevac refugees have been locked in the Park hotel detention since December 2020 in contravention of the UN Convention on the Rights of Refugees.

This is particularly appalling considering the CoM purports to be a "Refugee Welcome Zone."

I am calling on the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors to urgently request the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton and Prime Minister Scott Morrison to:

1. Immediately release the remaining refugees at the Park Hotel into the community.
2. Provide recently released refugees with a permanent pathway to citizenship, access to JobSeeker and access to post-secondary educational and training opportunities.

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Item 7.1 Treatment of Asylum Seekers, UN Human Rights Council and Committee

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

I write in support of the motion to Council (raised by Cr Rohan Leppert) to stand with the UN Human Rights Council and Committee in condemning the indefinite detention of refugees and asylum seekers. I call on the Government to immediately release the men into the community, as has happened recently to other groups.

The Federal Government recently lost a very important case in the Federal Court. The Judge ruled that the indefinite detention of a refugee was illegal: Simply put, they ruled that the principal of 'habeas corpus' meant that the government couldn't detain someone indefinitely without due cause or just purpose.

Since then, there are hundreds of cases that have been lodged relying on the same legal principle, and, as the dates for the court cases get closer, The Federal Government started suddenly releasing the refugees... But not all of them. Some are still locked up (despite being officially recognised as refugees and clearly security checks) – compounding their trauma as they are left to wonder why.

It is wrong that all three branches of government be complicit in this illegal detention. The City of Melbourne needs to take a stand, and object to these civil rights abuses taking place in our great city!

Sources:

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 16 February 2021

Agenda item title: Fly Neighbourly Meeting

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I am a resident and ratepayer of East Melbourne and I wish to express my strong support for the proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly Neighbourly Agreement.

Flights are getting more numerous, flying lower and longer and often hovering overhead for long periods of time. This interferes with my enjoyment of the neighbourhood by infringing my privacy, creating personal discomfort due to the overly loud engines and destroying outside social life as it makes conversation difficult.

East Melbourne is blessed with many parks which could create a haven from stressful life not only for residents, but workers and commuters and patients attending medical appointments at local specialist services. The prevalence of flights circling and hovering overhead undermines the value of this haven.

This Agreement could remind flight operators that their planes have an impact on local people and could encourage development of more considerate flight plans.

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Agenda item title: Support of FNA

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The existing FNA targeting providers of Helicopter and light fixed wing used for scenic tours and training over central Melbourne is set to have a greatly added significance with the growth of drones for parcel delivery and Uber Air (now Uber Elevate). The Federal Government's Future of Aviation 20 Aug, 2020, foresees "greater local decision making by ensuring state and local governments have the flexibility and autonomy to determine local aviation priorities, and respond to the changing needs of their communities".

Recommendation: FNA be retained and strengthened in readiness for the growth in use of roof tops and carparks as heliports

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Agenda item title: 7.2 Notice of Motion– Fly Neighbourly Agreement

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Dear Future Melbourne Committee,

My name is John Gurrieri and my wife, Denise and I live in an apartment building at 150 Clarendon Street East Melbourne.

As a resident I strongly support the proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly neighbourly Agreement (FNA).

During our time living in East Melbourne our community has been suffering from increasing flights over our homes and gardens.

It has been reported that on some days over 150 flights have been recorded and some of these are doing many circuits – sometime more than 30.

The impact of these flights on our residential amenity is severe. Sometimes conversation has to stop, even inside, because of the noise.

The noise is not only a nuisance, but we are aware of many studies which have shown that aircraft noise can cause

significant health impacts.

We have many elderly people in our suburb and several hospitals and the impact on these people is particularly problematic.

The numerous flights over inner Melbourne spoil people's experience of enjoying our wonderful public parks.

Many of the flights are joy and training flights – this should not happen over one of Melbourne's most densely populated areas.

We are worried about the safety aspects of so many aircraft flying in a concentrated space with only Visual Flight Rules – which simply requires pilots to look out for each other. No doubt you are aware of the helicopter crash near the MCG some years ago.

Council has a duty to protect the well-being of its residents – the FNA is one way of doing this.

While the FNA is voluntary and cannot force operators to adopt more considerate flight paths, it is an important mechanism for raising awareness and educating operators about the human impact of their flights.

There are alternatives to flying over dense residential areas – flying over transport corridors, industrial areas and the Bay

Many capital cities around the world restrict flights over their central areas. While Council cannot force this, the FNA sends a strong message.

While the previous FNA focused on helicopters, it should also be extended to include light fixed wing aircraft, which are a big part of the problem.

In addition to implementing the FNA, council should advocate on behalf of its community with federal politicians and Airservices Australia.

This is an important issue for the residents of Inner Melbourne and as such we fully support the motion being put forward by Cr. Rohan Leppert and seconded by the Lord Mayor to reactivate and reinstate the Fly Neighbourly Agreement.

John & Denise Gurrieri

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Re: FMC 16/02/21 Agenda Item 7.2 NoM Fly Neighbourly Agreement.
Cr. Leppert/LM Capp

I was surprised to learn that the Fly Neighbourly Agreement had, by delegation, been discontinued and removed from Council's website. This gave me a sense of déjà vu re. the art installations on the median strip outside NGVI which seemed to have undergone a similar process of delegation without reference to council.

As I live in close walking distance of the Melbourne Sports Precinct and Parliament, I am very familiar with noise activity from overhead aircraft. Covid 19 restrictions have lessened this somewhat, but the potential return to previous patterns is a worry.

I support this NoM because it indicates Council's initiative in taking the first steps before old flight habits become the norm. Council's past initiative in these matters has been noted. The "Call to Parties" at the 2019 Federal election set out its concern regarding aircraft noise over Inner Melbourne. Also, Lord Mayor Capp's submission to the Air Services Amendment Bill 2018 formalised this. As a community we felt very encouraged.

Reinstating the Fly Neighbourly Agreement shows Council's interest and willingness to act and be involved as much as it can, to progress what has already been started. Certainly, the Agreement will make operators aware of Council's position sooner rather than later, when non-essential flights over Melbourne are resumed. It goes without saying that I thank Council and support this initiative.

Yolande Leonardi

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CoRBA – Melbourne

Coalition of Residents and Business Associations

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15 February 2021

Dear Councillors

Future Melbourne Committee, 16 February 2021
Item 7.2 Fly Neighbourly Agreement

I write on behalf of the Coalition of Residents and Business Associations (CoRBA) in support of the above motion.

Since 2017, CoRBA has made submissions to both the Commonwealth and Victorian governments on this matter and the restricting of aircraft flights over the City of Melbourne. These submissions related to national security and residential and business amenity, all of which are compromised by the present lack of a suitable regulatory regime.

With regard to this Motion, while recognising that the ‘Fly Neighbourly Agreement’ is not an enforceable agreement, CoRBA supports the City of Melbourne reinstating the ‘Fly Neighbourly Agreement’ as statement of principle.

If you have any questions, please feel free contact me directly.

Regards and best wishes

15 February 2021

Michael Kennedy
Chair
Coalition of Residents and Business Associations

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Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors

We are writing in support of the proposal that the Council reinstate the Fly Neighbourly Agreement.

We were quite astounded to learn that Council had not continued with this initiative and had disbanded it without consultation with affected communities. Most concerning and a poor reflection on Council, given community representatives worked for over 18 months with Council supporting Council officers (Gordon Harrison) in crafting and implementing this policy.

We reiterate in support of the reintroduction of the FNA that:

- On some days over 150 flights have been recorded and some of these are doing many circuits – sometimes more than 30.
- For nearly a decade our community has been suffering from increasing flights over our residences and public spaces. In high density flyover periods our amenity is severely impacted. The noise is not only a nuisance, but there are many health studies which have shown that aircraft noise can cause significant health impacts. This is also of concern given the age cohort of our community. There are many elderly people and numerous hospitals and the

impact on these people is particularly problematic. The numerous flights over inner Melbourne spoil people's experience of enjoying our wonderful public parks.

- Given the density of our population, tourism, joy flights and training flights should not occur. This flows to safety with so many aircraft flying in a concentrated space with only Visual Flight Rules applying – VFR simply requires pilots to look out for each other. There was a helicopter crash near the MCG some years ago and we fear with increasing density of air traffic the risks increase .
- Council has a duty to protect the well-being of its residents – the FNA is one way of doing this and should never have been allowed to lapse but rather strengthened.
- While the FNA is voluntary and cannot force operators to adopt more considerate flight paths, it is an important mechanism for raising awareness and educating operators about the human impact of their flights. There are alternatives to flying over dense residential areas – flying over transport corridors, industrial areas and the Bay and this applied many years ago, however regulators have allowed a more open slather approach which in our view from a community amenity, impacts on the human and natural environment, a misguided decision. Council should be aware that many capital cities around the world restrict flights over their central areas. While Council does not have the legislative mandate to adopt this, the FNA sends a strong message.
- The previous FNA focused solely on helicopters, but it had been agreed with Council that the FNA was then to be extended in subsequent versions to other categories of aircraft like light fixed wing etc which are a big part of the problem. Also, given that Council and the State government are supportive of EVOTL aircraft and drones it is even more imperative that appropriate protocols and flight path restrictions are designed, implemented and enforced with this emerging use of our precious airspace.
- In summary, we urge Council to reinstate this initiative and extend its coverage to all VFR aircraft

Yours faithfully

Fiona and David Woodward

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As an East Melbourne resident and frequent user of our inner city park lands, I write in strong support of the reinstatement of the Fly Neighbourly Agreement.

In recent years, there has been a marked increase in the number of aircraft and helicopters in the airspace above East Melbourne. Many of these are circling or hovering for extended periods of time.

They clog up the sky with their incessant back and forth, are distracting to everyone under their paths and diminish the possibility of enjoyment of some of our city's places of quietude and recreation.

Not only do these flights increase levels of noise and reduce levels of amenity for neighbours, they pose safety issues, are intrusive to private spaces and create unnecessary health risks to the community.

The flight movements are unrelated to any normal commuting or essential travel. It is hard to imagine that the circuits above the inner city would pass any public benefit test that could be applied. Given the application of Visual Flight Rules, there are serious safety issues creating unnecessary risks.

It is not uncommon for major cities to restrict these types of flights over their CBDs and inner suburbs. There are many alternative spaces through existing flight corridors. If there is a requirement to capture images of events, cameras mounted on nearby buildings and in the venues themselves might be considered.

I am pleased that the MCC are taking this matter seriously and I encourage advocacy to other agencies to reduce and hopefully eliminate this scourge.

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I am a resident of Jolimont East Melbourne along with my husband and two teenage children. We all strongly support the proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly Neighbourly Agreement (FNA).

The increase in number and duration of flights over our homes over the past several years (over 150 flights have been recorded often doing up to 30 laps) has a significant effect on our health, wellbeing and enjoyment of our property and the area in general. The numerous flights over inner Melbourne spoil our family's enjoyment of outdoor spaces and public parks

We are often unable to enjoy normal conversation, even inside our house, with the noise coming through closed doors and windows being excessive resulting in paused conversations, video and phone calls and inability to hear TV/RADIO.

Of particular concern lately is the impact on working and schooling from home due to the COVID 19 pandemic requirements. Offices are still not back to full capacity and so many of us are working from home with the need to be on frequent video and phone calls. The aircraft noise is a severe impediment to productivity and causes a great deal of stress in the working/studying environments.

The frequent, loud noise creates a significant level of tension and stress, and frequently disturbs our children's

sleep, and ours also given that flights persist into the night and early morning. This noise is not only a nuisance, but there are many studies which have shown that aircraft noise can cause significant health impacts, especially due to stress. It should not be ignored that frequent, loud noise (especially when disturbing sleep) is an internationally recognised form of torture! Pets are also disturbed and stressed.

Many of the flights over our home are joy and training flights – these should be permitted over one of Melbourne’s most densely populated areas as they present a significant safety hazard. With only Visual Flight Rules in this densely populated area, the safety issues are further significant. It is noted that a helicopter crash did occur near the MCG some years ago.

To this end, the Council has a duty of care to protect the well-being of its residents and the FNA is one demonstrable, though unfortunately not enforceable way of doing this. While the FNA is voluntary and cannot force operators to adopt more considerate flight paths, it is an important mechanism for raising awareness and educating operators about the human impact of their flights.

Many capital cities around the world do restrict flights over their central areas. While Council cannot force this, the FNA sends a strong message. We would hope that in time, the FNA will be extended to include light fixed wing aircraft in addition to helicopters. It is hoped also that council can and will advocate on behalf of its community with federal politicians and Airservices Australia.

We strongly support the agreement and request that it be strengthened where possible and strongly supported by council.

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Fly Neighbourly Agreement

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I want to support the Motion to reinstate the Fly Neighbourly agreement on the MCC website. These flights impact on our right to enjoy the quiet peace of our lives. Walking in the local gardens hovering aircraft totally disrupt the reason you walk there: quiet & calm & restorative peace.

Jennifer Noyce

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Agenda item title: Agenda item 7.2 16 February 2021 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Fly Neighbourly Agreement

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

As a resident of EM and EMG committee member I am writing to express my support for the motion in Agenda item 7.2. to be presented at the FM meeting on 16th February.

Councillors would be aware that this matter has been ongoing since 2013 and that council has continued to engage with the community to support our needs. This has included the “fly neighbourly” initiative for which we are grateful to councillors for pursuing. The issues of flights over our residences and the consequential impact on the neighbourhood amenity is one that can be minimised via the continued implementation of the “fly neighbourly” agreement.

I urge councillors to support the motion presented by Cr Leppert and seconded by the Lord Mayor. I also ask that councillors take the initiative to consider the current and future impact of unnecessary flights over our homes and use their influence to ensure a balance between the interests of resident’s and the commercial interests..

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I strongly support the above proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly neighbourly Agreement.

The noise pollution emitted by aircraft has had a detrimental impact on East Melbourne and Jolimont residents for the past decade since the flight paths were changed.

On some days over 150 flights have been recorded and some of these are doing many circuits – sometimes more than 30.

The impact of the noise emitted by these flights has a detrimental impact on residents amenity and far more importantly, health.

The detrimental and significant impact of noise on health is well documented and accepted.

As East Melbourne has the oldest demographic of the COM precincts, the detrimental impact on the health of these residents by aircraft noise must be considered.

I have observed tourists in the Fitzroy Gardens taking photos of some aircraft which were flying very very low over the gardens. The noise pollution has been similarly observed to be met with annoyance by visitors to these 'jewel in the crown' parks.

The safety aspects should be the paramount and primary consideration. Accordingly, joy flights and helicopters unnecessarily hovering (news traffic reports and MCG) should be dramatically reduced or preferably, banned.

Council has a duty to protect the safety and well-being of its residents and to enhance the liveability of the COM for all. Achieving this will result in positive commercial flow-on effects.

Many leading capital cities around the world restrict flights over their central areas and I believe that the Council must strongly support the FNA and also strongly advocate for the FNA with federal politicians and Airservices Australia.

There are alternatives to flying over dense residential areas – flying over transport corridors, industrial areas and the Bay.

We note that this issue was not a problem until the change to flight paths some ten years ago.

While the previous FNA focused on helicopters, it should also be extended to include light fixed wing aircraft, which are a big part of the problem.

The East Melbourne and Jolimont community will appreciate your support with this critical issue.

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As a resident I wish to add my support for the proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly Neighbourly Agreement.

The noise of air traffic over East Melbourne has steadily increased over the years to the point where it is now unbearable on certain days.

The traffic is made up mainly of helicopters and small, noisy aircraft.

For some time, I have been extremely worried about the safety aspects of so many aircraft flying in a concentrated space over our densely populated inner city. Incidents of light aircraft crashes are regularly in the news. Such an incident over our inner city would be catastrophic.

While the FNA is voluntary and cannot force operators to adopt more considerate flight paths, it is an important mechanism for raising awareness about the human impact of their flights. We all know that there are many capital cities around the world that restrict flights over their central areas. While Council cannot force this, the FNA sends a strong message.

Charles Lunghinis

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Future Melbourne Committee Submission 16 Feb 21 Item 7.2 Notice of Motion – Fly Neighbourly Agreement

As a resident organisation with over 500 members, we strongly support the proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly Neighbourly Agreement:

- The council supported the agreement before and the reasons they supported it still apply, indeed even more so.
- For nearly a decade our community has been suffering from increasing flights over our homes and outdoor space.
- On some days over 150 flights have been recorded and some of these are doing many circuits – sometime more than 30.
- The impact of these flights on enjoyment of our homes and open spaces is significant. Sometimes conversation must stop, even inside, because of the noise.
- The noise is not only a nuisance, but studies show that aircraft noise can cause significant health impacts.
- We have many elderly people in our suburb and several hospitals. The noise impact on these people is significant.
- Our beautiful parks and gardens have been well patronised especially during Covid-19. The many flights over inner Melbourne spoil people's enjoyment of these.
- Many of the flights over our homes are joy and training flights – this should not happen over one of Melbourne's most densely populated areas.
- We are worried about the safety of so many aircraft flying in a concentrated space with only Visual Flight Rules – which simply requires pilots to look out for each other. There was a helicopter crash near the MCG some years ago.

- Council has a duty to protect the well-being of its residents – the FNA is one way of doing so.
- We recognise the FNA is voluntary and cannot force operators to adopt more considerate flight paths. However, it is an important mechanism for raising awareness and educating operators about the human impact of their flights.
- There are alternatives to flying over dense residential areas - flying over transport corridors, industrial areas, and the Bay.
- Many capital cities around the world restrict flights over their central areas. While Council cannot force this, the FNA sends a strong message.
- While the previous FNA focused on helicopters, it should also be extended to include light fixed wing aircraft, which are a big part of the problem.
- Implementing the FNA, is also consistent with council advocating on behalf of its community with federal politicians and Airservices Australia.

We strongly support the reinstatement of the Fly Neighbourly Agreement.

Ian S. Mitchell

President

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16th February 2021

Cr Rohan Leppert
Future Melbourne Committee
City of Melbourne
Council House 2, 240 Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Mr Leppert,

Fly Neighbourly Agreement (FNA)

As an East Melbourne resident, I strongly support the proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly Neighbourly Agreement.

For nearly a decade the East Melbourne community has been suffering from increasing flights over our homes as well as our private and public gardens. On some days over 150 flights have been recorded and some of these flights are doing many circuits around the East Melbourne area, sometimes more than 30.

The impact of these flights on our ability to enjoy being in our residences and gardens is severe. Sometimes personal conversation must stop, even inside our House, because of the noise that exaggerates within our Courtyard of our residence, that sits directly below the flight paths.

The noise is not only a nuisance, but there are many studies which have shown that aircraft noise can cause significant health impacts, including for disturbing sleep at any time during the day and night.

That said, we are seriously concerned about the safety aspects of so many aircraft flying in a concentrated space with only Visual Flight Rules, which simply requires pilots to look out for each other. I am aware that there was a helicopter crash near the MCG some years ago.

Whilst the FNA is voluntary and cannot force operators to adopt more considerate flight paths, it is an important mechanism for raising awareness and educating operators about the human impact of their flights.

Whilst the previous FNA focused on helicopters, it should also be extended to include light fixed wing aircraft, which presently is a major problem.

There are alternatives to flying over dense residential areas, such as flying over transport corridors, industrial areas and even over Port Philip Bay. Port Philip Bay provides a safety benefit, if in the event that such aircraft suffers a crash landing. I stand to be corrected, but prior to government deregulation, such fixed wing aircraft from Moorabbin Airport to Essendon Airport would use such route.

Council has a duty to protect the well-being of its residents and the FNA is one way of doing this. Many capital cities around the world restrict flights over their central areas. Whilst Council cannot force this, the FNA sends a strong message.

Finally, Council should use the FNA to advocate on behalf of its community with federal politicians and Air Services Australia and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian M Trioli

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Future Melbourne Committee

16 February 2021

Notice of Motion – Fly Neighbourly Agreement

Submission from Susan Henderson, EMG Amenities Convenor and Resident.

As a resident of East Melbourne and the Amenities Convenor of the East Melbourne Group, I strongly support the proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly Neighbourly Agreement. There has been significant increase in number and duration of flights over our homes in recent years. The numerous flights over inner Melbourne are intrusive on our private areas and spoil our family's enjoyment of outdoor spaces and public parks. This has a significant effect on our health, wellbeing and enjoyment of our home and the area in general.

We are often unable to enjoy normal conversation, even inside our house, with the noise coming through closed doors and windows being excessive resulting in paused conversations, video and phone calls and inability to hear TV/RADIO. Pets are also disturbed and stressed.

Offices are still not back to full capacity and so many of us are working or studying from home with the need to be on frequent video and phone calls. The aircraft noise is a severe impediment to productivity and causes a great deal of stress in the working/studying environments.

The frequent loud noise creates a significant level of tension and stress, and frequently disturbs our sleep, given that flights persist into the night and early morning. This noise is not only a nuisance, but there are many studies which have shown that aircraft noise can cause significant health impacts, especially due to stress. It should not be ignored that frequent, loud noise (especially when disturbing sleep) is an internationally recognised form of torture! Our residents are suffering unnecessarily.

Many of the flights over our home are joy and training flights, with aircraft often circling up to 30 times and hovering for extended periods. These flights should not be permitted over one of Melbourne's most densely populated areas as they present a significant safety hazard. These flight movements are unrelated to any normal commuting or essential travel. It is hard to imagine that the circuits above the inner city would pass any public benefit test that could be applied. Given the application of Visual Flight Rules, there are serious safety issues creating unnecessary risks.

To this end, the Council has a duty of care to protect the well-being of its residents and the FNA is one demonstrable, though unfortunately not enforceable way of doing this. While the FNA is voluntary and cannot force operators to adopt more considerate flight paths, it is an important mechanism for raising awareness and educating operators about the human impact of their flights.

Many capital cities around the world do restrict flights over their central areas. While Council cannot force this, the FNA sends a strong message. We would hope that the FNA will be extended to include light fixed wing aircraft in addition to helicopters. It is hoped also that council can and will advocate on behalf of its community with federal politicians and Airservices Australia.

We strongly support the agreement and request that it be strengthened where possible. I am pleased that the Council are taking this matter seriously and I encourage advocacy to other agencies to reduce and hopefully eliminate this scourge.

Susan Henderson
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My wife and I have lived in East Melbourne for about 10 years.

During that time (apart from the recent Covid-19 affected period) there has been a noticeable increase in the frequency of flights over the residential streets of East Melbourne.

There has also been a noticeable increase in noise as the airplanes seem to fly very low.

On a bad day, there is a constant stream of large commercial planes flying within a very narrow corridor, almost directly over Gipps St, East Melbourne.

The planes seem to fly at all hours of the day and it's not uncommon that we are woken from sleeping at 2, 3 or 4 am.

As a separate matter, it's also concerning that numerous small aeroplanes and helicopters seem to fly in random paths over East Melbourne residential areas and parklands. As a resident I strongly support the proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly neighbourly Agreement.

There are many parks in East Melbourne that are supposed to provide places for rest and recreation to local residents and visitors. The constant noise and movement from aircraft, whether large or small, is completely at odds with the thoughtful provision of these green spaces.

We have many elderly people in our suburb and several hospitals and the impact on these people is particularly problematic.

Council has a duty to protect the well-being of its residents – the FNA is one way of doing this.

We don't understand why the commercial flights aren't directed to fly over more suitable areas such as over transport corridors, industrial areas and the Bay.

Many capital cities around the world restrict flights over their central areas. While Council may not have the power to redirect flight routes, it can raise awareness of the problem via the FNA.

We also request that, in addition to implementing the FNA, council advocate on behalf of its community with federal politicians and Airservices Australia.

The current concentration of flights over the beautiful residential and recreational areas of East Melbourne is a major negative on Melbourne's ambition to be one of the world's most liveable cities.

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We strongly support reinstatement and strengthening of the FNA, noting that it should not have been allowed to lapse in the first place without community engagement and a formal Council decision.

Local government is the most important tier of government in having a fundamental responsibility to protect the wellbeing of its residents. While local government has no regulatory powers over aviation, FNAs represent a significant instrument with which Councils can interact with aircraft operators to promote consideration of their impacts on the human environment.

Therefore, in reinstating the FNA, Council should actively engage with operators, reminding them that consideration of their negative impact on the health and wellbeing of people should be seen as a fundamental aspect of their social licence to operate.

The health impacts of the numerous flights over our homes by helicopters and light aircraft are very significant and the suffering of many people in our neighbourhood is real and serious. There are many scientific studies demonstrating the detrimental health impacts of aircraft noise and measurements taken by residents show that the noise levels are severe.

We are not seeking to stop all flights but are calling for operators to follow agreed routes which minimise the impact on people. Many of these flights, including training flights, should not operate over one of Melbourne's most densely populated areas.

We are also concerned about the safety aspects. Helicopters and fixed wing aircraft operate on a VFR basis over our homes and major central Melbourne facilities. This means they simply have to watch out for each other to avoid crashing. While aviation, especially for large commercial flights is safe, Australian Transport Safety Board statistics show that in 2019, 222 aircraft were involved in accidents in Australia, with a further 155 aircraft involved in serious incidents (an incident with a high probability of becoming an accident). That is an average of more than one accident or incident every day per year and we have a well-founded concern that there is an unnecessary risk of so many flights occurring in a concentrated area.

The air traffic over inner Melbourne also impacts on our much-vaunted liveability. Vienna, with whom we often compete for this accolade, does not allow general aviation over its centre and this is the case with many other major cities internationally.

Councillors, you have a duty of care towards residents, please exercise this by giving your full support for strong and effective Fly Neighbourly Agreements, applying both to helicopters and light general aircraft.

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- As a resident I strongly support the proposal for Council to reinstate the Fly neighbourly Agreement.
- For nearly a decade our community has been suffering from increasing flights over our homes and gardens.
- On some days over 150 flights have been recorded and some of these are doing many circuits – sometime more than 30.
- The impact of these flights on our ability to enjoy being in our homes and gardens is severe. Sometimes conversation has to stop, even inside, because of the noise.
- The noise is not only a nuisance, but there are many studies which have shown that aircraft noise can cause significant health impacts.
- We have many elderly people in our suburb and several hospitals and the impact on these people is particularly problematic.

- The numerous flights over inner Melbourne spoil people's experience of enjoying our wonderful public parks.
- Many of the flights over residential areas are joy and training flights – this should not happen over one of Melbourne's most densely populated areas.
- We are worried about the safety aspects of so many aircraft flying in a concentrated space with only Visual Flight Rules – which simply requires pilots to look out for each other. There was a helicopter crash near the MCG some years ago.
- Council has a duty to protect the well-being of its residents – the FNA is one way of doing this.
- While the FNA is voluntary and cannot force operators to adopt more considerate flight paths, it is an important mechanism for raising awareness and educating operators about the human impact of their flights.
- There are alternatives to flying over dense residential areas – flying over transport corridors, industrial areas and the Bay
- Many capital cities around the world restrict flights over their central areas. While Council cannot force this, the FNA sends a strong message.
- While the previous FNA focused on helicopters, it should also be extended to include light fixed wing aircraft, which are a big part of the problem.
- In addition to implementing the FNA, council should advocate on behalf of its community with federal politicians and Airservices Australia.

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I am a home owner and also a proprietor of of a business in East Melbourne and I strongly support the proposal for the Council to reinstate the Fly neighbourly Agreement. Melbourne is out of step with the rest of the world with our city being the only one to allow balloon flights thru the CBD area and with such a densely packed area we should be restricting access as they do in the rest of the world. The reasons being not only limiting nuisance noise with helicopters & fixed wing aircraft but most importantly the security concerns and the safety aspects of so many aircraft flying in a concentrated space with only Visual Flight Rules applying.

The council has a duty of care to look after residents and the wider community & should advocate on behalf of its community with federal politicians and Airservices Australia.

Yours Sincerely

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