

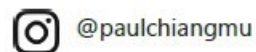


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# PAUL CHIANG

Member of Parliament  
Markham-Unionville



## A Message from your MP

Dear Neighbours,

As the weather continues to warm and summer approaches, I have enjoyed another busy month serving my constituents in Markham-Unionville and representing them in Ottawa.

In the month of May, I was happy to host the grand opening of our constituency office and welcome community members in person. Our office is fully operational and ready to serve you!

This past month has been a time to come together as a community and embrace Canada's diversity, with May marking both Asian Heritage Month and Jewish Heritage Month. In my role as Parliamentary Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion, I have continued my work to develop Canada's first National Action Plan on Combatting Hate, which will help build more inclusive communities.

In Ottawa, my focus has been on representing the voices of my constituents

and seeking further initiatives to keep our communities safe. As part of my position on the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security, I have been studying solutions to address ideologically motivated violent extremism in Canada. Extremist attacks have no place in Canada, which is why I have been questioning expert witnesses and government officials to create a report that will provide recommendations to the federal government. These recommendations can then be implemented to reduce extremist radicalization in Canada and keep all Canadians safer in their communities.

As always, my staff and I are here to serve you! Please feel free to reach out via phone or email for any assistance and follow us on social media to stay abreast of our office news and updates.

Yours truly,

Paul Chiang  
Member of Parliament Markham-Unionville

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## Canada Day Giveaway

Canada's 155th Birthday is just a few weeks away! Let's show our pride in our wonderful nation and decorate our homes however we can! To help Markham-Unionville residents celebrate Canada

Day, my team will be giving out complimentary "Happy Canada Day" lawn signs. The signs will be available for pick up at our constituency office, located at **200 Town Centre Blvd, Suite 400A in Markham.**

For seniors and those who are not able to pick the signs up, please contact our office at **(905) 470-2509** and one of our team members will be happy to deliver one to you before the big day.



## Report from Ottawa

During my time in Ottawa this past month, I was honoured to attend a wide variety of community events and meet with many different organizations. With a focus on



diversity and inclusion as well as keeping communities safe, I attended a Ramadan Iftar dinner on Parliament Hill, a reception with the Canadian Police Association, and a

presentation on Confronting Racism hosted by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation. I also participated in productive meetings with the Canadian School Board Association, the Future Leaders of the Fisheries Council of Canada, Effect Hope (formerly The Leprosy Mission Canada), and more. I look forward to another busy month in Ottawa serving my constituents.



## Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of my Constituency office in Markham was a great success. I was happy to meet with many of Markham's great constituents and leaders. It was a pleasure to have Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Minister Mary Ng and Minister Ahmed Hussen join us for this occasion. The event was quite a spectacle with the wonderful Lion Dance performers who created a phenomenal display of traditional Chinese culture.

My team did an amazing job putting this event together and I thank everyone who came to give me their support. This

Grand Opening is only the beginning of a very fruitful and valuable relationship between my team and the riding of Markham-Unionville.



## Budget 2022

In April, the federal government introduced Budget 2022. This year's budget will focus on making life easier for Canadians by making it easier to buy a home, moving forward on dental care, helping businesses grow, and keeping communities safe. Here are some highlights from Budget 2022:

- Budget 2022 proposes to provide \$85 million over four years, starting in 2022-23, to the Department of Canadian Heritage to support the launch of a new Anti-Racism Strategy and National Action Plan on Combatting Hate.
- Budget 2022 proposes to double the First-Time Home Buyers' Tax Credit amount to \$10,000, providing up to \$1,500 in direct support to home buyers, applying to homes purchased on or after January 1, 2022.
- \$5.3 billion is earmarked in Budget 2022 to provide dental care for Canadians with family incomes of less than \$90,000 annually, starting with children under 12 years old in 2022, expanding to those under 18 years old, seniors and persons living with a disability in 2023, and with full implementation by 2025.



## Constituency Youth Council

Come and join Markham-Unionville's own Constituency Youth Council (CYC)! If you are between the ages of 14-24 years, then CYC is the place for you! CYC is a great way to learn about the Federal government, have your voice heard, make some friends, meet your Member of Parliament, and get volunteer hours for high school.

For university students, there are leadership roles available that will help you gain experience and a good reference for future employers. As

the future leaders of Canada, this is a great chance to get active in your community and have a good time doing it! Check out our social media for more info or give us a call at (905) 470-2509 and we will help you get involved!





## Celebrating Our Community

The month of May brings celebrations of many important groups in our community: Canadians of Jewish heritage, Canadians of Asian heritage, and Muslims observing Ramadan followed by the celebration of Eid. Their contributions to Canadian society have helped shape one of Canada's greatest strengths: our diversity.

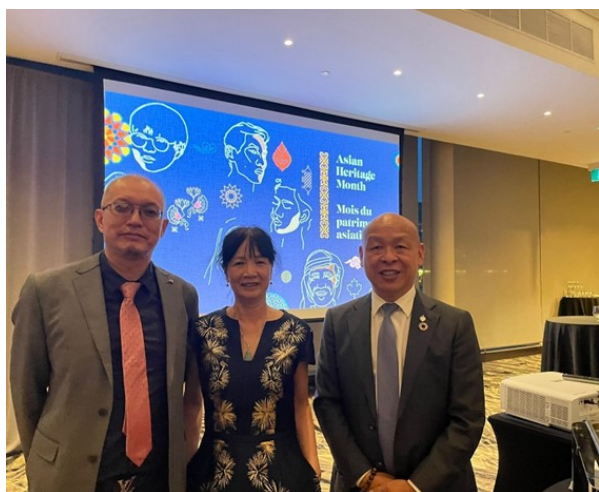
### *Jewish Heritage Month*

Jewish Heritage Month is a time to celebrate Canadians of Jewish heritage and all of their contributions to this country. On Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, we remembered the six million innocent Jewish men, women, and children who were systematically murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. We also paid tribute to the bravery and resiliency of survivors, and of all those who risked their lives to save others and stood against the Nazi regime. In Ottawa, the Prime Minister along with Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion Ahmed Hussen attended the Ottawa Yom HaShoah Commemoration Service at the National Holocaust Monument and delivered remarks.

I stand by our commitment to combat hate and discrimination in all its forms in Canada and look forward to working with leaders in the York Region Jewish community to ensure all of our neighbours feel safe.



### *Asian Heritage Month*



This month was an excellent opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Canadians of Asian Heritage. I was proud to emcee a gala hosted by the Government of Canada to celebrate Asian Heritage Month and this year's theme "Continuing a Legacy of Greatness". On this 20th anniversary celebration, I was joined by Minister Ahmed Hussen, Minister Harjit Sajjan, Minister Mary Ng, and Minister Marci Ien.

It was a wonderful night with powerful performances and speeches, including remarks from Dr. Vivienne Poy, whose hard work as a Senator led to the designation of May as Asian Heritage Month 20 years ago. I was also happy to celebrate Asian Heritage Month with the Markham community and the York Region Liberal Caucus. The wonderful performers showcased their talents and rich cultural traditions with the community and brought Asian Canadians to the spotlight. Thank you to everyone who worked to make the event possible.

### *Ramadan and Eid*

Muslims around the world spent the month of April engaged in fasting, prayer, and deep introspection. Many spiritual lessons were learned and celebrated during Ramadan. Eid marked the end of this journey and made for a joyous day for Muslims to rejoice after a month of sacrifice.

I was honoured to attend several great Eid celebrations this month. The Association of Progressive Muslims of Canada hosted an amazing 25th Annual Parliament Hill Eid celebration in Ottawa. I was invited alongside other MPs to a wonderful Eid celebration with the Pakistan Armed Forces Association in Mississauga. I also spent time with the Dawoodi Bohra community at Anjuman e Burhani Masjid to celebrate Eid ul Fitr. These were great displays of the strength and noble traditions of Muslim Canadians that have contributed so much to our country.



## Unionville Festival

On June 4, the Unionville Festival gleefully returned to Main Street Unionville. After a long, grey pandemic, Main Street Unionville was bursting with happy festival attendees enjoying the warm sunshine, great shopping, fun activities and



fabulous food. Musicians performed at the bandshell and along the street as families (including our leashed pet friends!) strolled in the breezy sunshine. Many thanks to the Unionville Business Improvement Area (UBIA) for hosting this great event to help support local small businesses. The UBIA organized a great event, jam packed with many treats and performances. I am grateful to everyone who worked hard to make this Festival a success.



## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are an integral part of our team.

Our high school students as well as seasoned volunteers help us with events and other outreach initiatives. A special "Thank you" goes out to you!

With good weather around the corner and easing COVID-19 restrictions, our team will be organizing many events. We welcome high school students, or anyone interested in participating in public office to come volunteer. Volunteering with us is a good way to get exposure to how your government works as well as earn volunteer hours.

If interested, please call our office at (905) 470-2509.



## Constituency Office Services

My team and I are here to support you. We can help provide you with information on a number of federal government programs and policies, such as:

- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Old Age Security (OAS)
- Passport Canada
- Employment Insurance Benefits (EI)
- Citizenship and Immigration
- Canada Student Loans (CSL)
- Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Veterans Affairs
- Federal Crown Corporations
- Federal funding for Organizations
- Petitions to Parliament
- Acquiring Canadian flags and pins