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A Message from your MP

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As we bid adieu to the final days of summer and welcome the crisp air of fall, it is with great enthusiasm that I extend my warmest wishes to you all for a joyful autumn and a successful back-to-school season! To students of all ages, parents, teachers, and education professionals across Markham-Unionville, may this new academic year be filled with endless opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement. As backpacks are packed and classrooms come alive with the excitement of a new beginning, let us embark on this journey together, supporting one another and fostering a spirit of curiosity and discovery.

Spending time with constituents this summer has prepared me for another productive parliamentary session in Ottawa, where I look forward to advancing our community's priorities of community safety, strengthened immigration systems, and economic development right here in Markham.



Here's to a fruitful year ahead, filled with knowledge, friendship, and endless possibilities.

Sincerely,

Paul Chiang
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Community BBQ

What a delight it was to come together for our Community Summer BBQ hosted by my team in August! The sun was shining, and the air was filled with laughter and camaraderie as we celebrated the spirit of unity that makes our community truly special. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who joined us for bringing your warmth and

enthusiasm to the event. A special thank you goes out to the talented performers who graced our stage, adding a delightful rhythm to our festivities. As we head into the autumn season, let's carry the spirit of togetherness that was alive at the BBQ with us, and continue to build upon the connections we've strengthened and the memories we've made.



Community Chats

I am thrilled to share my recent experiences from the engaging community chats that I've had the privilege to participate in. It has been truly enlightening to connect with you all and listen to your thoughts and concerns. Across these conversations, a few vital themes have emerged. Community safety remains a paramount concern, with calls for increased collaboration between law enforcement and all levels of government to increase community well-being. Strengthening our immigration systems has been a recurring topic, reflecting our shared commitment to diversity and inclusivity. Equally noteworthy is the collective desire to foster economic development in Markham, focusing on initiatives that create jobs, encourage local businesses, and enhance our city's prosperity. Your insights are invaluable as we continue working together to shape a brighter future for our beloved community.



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Local Events in Our Community

As I return to Ottawa for another productive parliamentary session, I am thrilled to reflect on the incredible local community events that I attended in Markham this summer. The 61st Jamaican Independence Day celebration was a vibrant showcase of culture and unity, reminding us of the rich diversity that makes Canada so remarkable. The Centennial Anniversary Banquet Celebration for the Lem Si Ho Tong Society was a testament to the lasting bonds of heritage and history that connect us. Witnessing the achievements of Ismaili community artists at their inspiring art exhibition underscored the power of creativity in bridging cultures. These events are not just occasions; they are the heartbeats of our community, exemplifying the spirit of togetherness that defines our nation. I look forward to continuing to celebrate and support the wonderful diversity of our Markham-Unionville constituents.



Message of Appreciation to the Community on My Father's Passing

During this difficult time, I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support and understanding you've shown to me and my family as we mourn the loss of my dear father, who recently passed away. Your kind words,



gestures of sympathy, and unwavering support have provided immense comfort and strength to us during this challenging period. The sense of unity and compassion that characterizes our community has

shone brightly, reminding us that we are not alone in our grief. Your thoughtfulness has truly touched our hearts and serves as a testament to the bonds we share as neighbours and friends. As my family and I navigate this journey of healing and remembrance, please know that your presence and kindness have made a significant impact, and we are profoundly grateful for your understanding during this time of sorrow.

Constituency Youth Council (CYC)

Are you between the ages of 14-24 years, eager to learn more about the federal government and politics, connect with your peers and make a real difference in our community?

If so, I strongly encourage you to apply for a general or executive position on my Constituency Youth Council! As a member of my CYC, you will have the opportunity to learn about politics, engage with members of our community, and plan exciting events.

To register, email us at paul.chiang@parl.gc.ca or call us at 905-470-2509. My team and I look forward to meeting you!



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Making Life More Affordable for YOU

Inflation is at its lowest in almost two years, benefiting Canadians, but we know that higher prices have made it tougher for Canadians and their families. Our government is delivering important support to millions of Canadians:

Students:

- No more interest on Canada Student and Apprentice Loans.
- Doubled Canada Student Grants.
- Enhanced access to training and jobs through programs like Canada Summer Jobs, offering 70,000 positions this year.

Seniors:

- Old Age Security (OAS) provides \$75.9 billion in support in 2023-24.
- Over 7 million OAS recipients.
- Seniors receive \$687.56 through OAS, \$756.32 for those 75+.
- GIS recipients get an additional \$1,026.96.
- Benefits adjusted quarterly to combat inflation.

Families:

- Enhanced Canada Workers Benefit delivers up to \$2,461 for low-wage workers.



- 11 million Canadians received the Grocery Rebate, offering up to \$467 for a family of four.
- Canada Child Benefit, Canada Pension Plan, and Guaranteed Income Supplement indexed to inflation.

With lower inflation and 950,000 more jobs post-pandemic, Canada's strong and resilient economy is creating opportunities for Canadians from coast to coast.

Canada Summer Jobs

I would like to take a moment to reflect on the conclusion of this year's Canada Summer Jobs program. It has been a privilege to witness the energy and dedication displayed by our nation's youth as they took on meaningful employment opportunities, contributing not only to their personal growth but also to our local communities. This program has not only provided valuable work experience but has also reinforced the importance of teamwork,



responsibility, and resilience. As we bid farewell to this year's participants, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the employers, organizations, and community leaders who supported and mentored our young workforce. While the summer may be coming to an end, the impact of the Canada Summer Jobs program will resonate for years to come, reminding us all of the strength and potential that lies within our youth.

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