



Hội Người Việt Toronto
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Mayor John Tory and the Toronto City Councillors
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Councillors,

I would like to convey my deepest appreciation for your leadership and tremendous efforts in keeping Toronto safe in this challenging Covid-19 time.

On behalf of the Vietnamese Association, Toronto and our Canadian families across Toronto and Ontario, I am writing this letter at this time to bring to your attention a different matter but also of great concern to Torontonians and to Vietnamese Canadians everywhere.

Being a proud Canadian, believing in the noble values of Democracy, Human Rights including Freedom of Speech and Religion, I am alarmed to learn that the City of Toronto's Strategic Protocol and External Relation Office will allow the flag of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to be flown on the City of Toronto's flag pole on Sept 2nd 2020.

As you know, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is consistently listed among the worst violators of Human Rights by international authorities. Vietnam has remained a totalitarian communist state, has continued to commit crimes against its citizens with impunity, and yet shamelessly is trying to promote their foreign ideology on Canadian land of Democracy and Freedom, from Ottawa to Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton and beyond.

The City of Toronto, under your leadership, has denied the communist flags of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in April 2018, and the People's Republic of China in 2019, to be flown on our City's prestigious flag pole.

The City of Mississauga and Brampton also have denied the communist flag of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to be flown on their city flag poles tomorrow on Sept 2nd 2020.

I hope you would once again champion our Canadian values of Democracy and Freedom, by not allowing the flag of the totalitarian Socialist Republic of Vietnam to be flown on our City flag pole tomorrow on Sept 2nd 2020, and thereby sending a strong message that Torontonians neither support nor condone any imagery that favour crimes against human rights

Yours sincerely,

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