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Attention: City Clerk- City of Vaughan

Re: Celebration of India Independence Day Event on August 17, 2019

Please accept this letter on behalf of WEConnect Community Services as our formal request to have an official Flag Raising ceremony for India's Independence Day on August 17, 2019 at 2pm. The flag raising ceremony will be for one hour with a reception to follow in the multi-purpose room.

India celebrates Independence Day on August 15 each year. India became an independent nation on August 15, 1947. It is a day when people of India pay homage to their leaders and those who fought for India's freedom in the past.

India's Independence Day, one of the three national holidays in India *and* is observed in all Indian states and union territories. Flag hoisting ceremonies and cultural programs take place in governmental and non-governmental institutions throughout the country.

Statistics show that Vaughan and surrounding areas consists of over 35 000 South Asian community members. It would be a great privilege for the members of the Vaughan community to celebrate the raising of the Indian flag at Vaughan City Hall.

In recognition of India Independence Day we are requesting to hold:

1. An official flag raising ceremony for India Independence day on August 17, 2019 at 2:00pm with a one hour reception to follow in the Multi-purpose room at Vaughan City Hall.

At the flag raising at City Hall, our invited delegates will unfurl India's flag and hold a speech in the presence of Vaughan City Council, invited guests and community members. During the flag raising celebration, there will playing Indian patriotic songs for the community members. We will



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have media presence and outreach strategy to promote the celebration of India's Independence Day for the first time in Vaughan. We would like to coordinate some visuals to be shown in the Multi-purpose room to the community members while they enjoy the celebrations and refreshments during the event.

All activities are to be presented as a partnership with the City of Vaughan and we are most confident that a significant percentage of our community will participate.

Should you require further information and/or clarification please feel free to contact us at 647-519-2530 or via email at weconnectcs@gmail.com

We thank you in advance for your continued co-operation.

Respectfully,

Sejal Gajjar
Vice-President
WEConnect Community Services.