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City Clerk's Administrative Services  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON L6A1T1

To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Wrongful Conviction Day Proclamation Request**

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On behalf of the Wrongful Conviction Committee, I am writing to request that the City of Vaughan **October 2, 2020 as "Wrongful Conviction Day"**.

Wrongful Conviction Day is a global movement launched by the committee on October 2, 2014. The primary purpose of this important initiative is to recognize the tremendous personal, social and legal costs associated with wrongful criminal convictions. This day recognizes those persons who have been forced to endure the tremendous consequences brought by a wrongful criminal conviction. The purpose of this day is to inform and educate the broader international community on the causes, consequences and complications associated with wrongful criminal convictions.

It is important to raise awareness in order to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions. Proclaiming October 2<sup>nd</sup> as Wrongful Conviction Day can direct the public's attention to this issue and generate support and understanding. The committee is committed to raising awareness of and advocacy against wrongful convictions globally.

Our organization, partners in Wrongful Conviction Day, and those who have been wrongly convicted would greatly appreciate your support.

Respectfully,

Marisa Parsons  
Advocacy Coordinator, International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee