

June 26, 2018

To the members of the City Council and related Council committees, Mayor, and leadership of the LAPD:

We, the undersigned, request that Maruf Islam not be re-appointed as a commissioner of the LAPD Permit Review Panel. Furthermore, we request that Mr. Islam not be considered for any commission seat and/or other leadership position within the City of Los Angeles.

Commissioners are directly appointed decision-makers who should reflect highly upon the leadership of the Mayor, City Council, and LAPD. They are entrusted to make decisions that are best for the communities they represent, as their recommendations can have a direct impact on the lives of millions of Angelenos. It is of the utmost importance for any commissioner, especially an LAPD commissioner, to exhibit an unwavering sense of integrity, unquestionable transparency, and a strong desire to protect and serve the City of Los Angeles.

Unfortunately, Mr. Islam has failed to exhibit these core principles that we demand of our commissioners. He, instead, has pursued his own personal agenda. Maruf Islam, along with his wife Jarin Islam, sought to subdivide the Wilshire Center / Koreatown Neighborhood Council (WCKNC) to turn 65% of the WCKNC area into a newly formed Wilshire Center / Little Bangladesh Neighborhood Council (WCLBNC). They purposefully hid this endeavor from the WCKNC community since early 2017. Though Jarin Islam is the Interim President of the WCKNC, her fellow board members did not know of this endeavor until approximately March 2018. More disturbingly, there was no good faith effort to outreach to the diverse community of WCK. The 5-person WCLBNC formation committee (which included and was led by Maruf Islam) was entirely Bangladeshi; in their petition of several hundred signatures, all were Bangladeshi; and finally, in the public meetings to discuss this endeavor, the attendance was 95% Bangladeshi. It is clear that the Islams purposefully hid their personal agendas from the very community they were supposed to represent because they knew all too well that it would not result in the outcome they were seeking to achieve.

On June 19, 2018, the election for the subdivision moved forward. The subdivision was resoundingly defeated with 99% voting against it. Over 19,000 people voted, of which only 282 supported the subdivision.

The City spent almost \$15,000 on postage alone for vote-by-mail ballots. Paper, printing, and envelope costs for over 20,000 mailed ballots was almost \$12,000. The labor costs of City staff (permanent and temporary, + overtime) for the election day itself was almost \$28,000. Additional temporary staff for the weeks prior to the election cost over \$30,000. This total of **\$85,000** does not include permanent City staff time.

Mr. Islam's personal ambition to take over 65% of the WCKNC area in a new WCLBNC that he

planned to control (he owns the WCLBNC instagram account and had a WCLBNC website) wasted well over \$85,000 of City funds.

Moreover, the petition sowed chaos, anger, and confusion in most of the WCK residents. Factions of the Bangladeshi community also felt misled by the personal ambition of Mr. Islam.

The City of Los Angeles needs honest and transparent leaders who will serve their diverse constituents rather than their own personal ambitions. Maruf Islam has failed in all respects, and for these reasons, we strongly urge you to make the right decision in not supporting Maruf Islam's re-appointment as a commissioner for the LAPD Permit Review Panel.

Thank you.

June 23, 2018

### Petition Opposing Maruf Islam's Appointment to the LAPD Permit Review Panel

The undersigned are opposed to the re-appointment of Maruf Islam for the LAPD Permit Review Panel. In addition, we are opposed to any appointment of Maruf Islam or Jarin Islam to any commission seat and/or leadership position in the City of Los Angeles until 2028.

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- 71. Sophie S. Chang
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- 96. *John*
- 98. *John*
- 100. *Gracie*