

Dear City Clerks,

I am emailing you today to express my concern over news reports that you plan to reprimand councillor Keenan Aylwin. This is the wrong move that undermines freedom of speech. I urge you to reconsider and stand with Keenan against this malicious lawsuit.

On the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Aylwin expressed his concern about Andrew Scheer appearing at the Yellow Vests Convoy rally and questioned why local MPs remained silent.

Aylwin has every right to question Conservative MPs John Brassard and Alex Nuttall. The Yellow Vests Convoy is a far-right group of people made up of violent and hateful members from Yellow Vests Canada, a group whose members have called for the assassination of the prime Minister, who were arrested for uttering threats and who've spread false and disgusting news maliciously targeting Muslims and other minorities.

Just as concerning is the fact that Scheer spoke at the same event as Faith Goldy, a white nationalist who's expressed support for neo-Nazi ideas. Rebel Media, the far-right anti-Muslim media was also in attendance. The outlet has been connected to at least two far-right mass murders who targeted Muslims.

Aylwin decision to call out Brassard and Nuttall should be applauded, not condemned. We cannot allow our politicians to remain silent in the face of hatred. Even more concerning is the message this lawsuit sends to Canadian minorities who speak out against hatred.

I call on you to stand with my good "brother from another family", Councillor Aylwin against this malicious and disgraceful attempt to silence free speech. It is unacceptable that you would reprimand Aylwin for speaking out against the growing hatred.

I also ask that you please add this email to the circulation list provided to council members for their next meeting

**PETITION SIGNED BY 1214
CITIZENS IN SUPPORT OF
COUNCILLOR K, AYLWIN
(Motions 19-G-171 and 19-G-172)**