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Request to Speak at a Standing Committee or Regional Council To reply, copy the email address from below and put into 'To'. (if resident entered their email address) Name Alghazali, Mohsen Address City St. Catherines Postal Phone Email standing committee Regional Council **Presentation Topic** Temporary public policy to facilitate temporary resident visas for certain extended family affected by the crisis in Gaza Presentation includes slides Yes Previously presented topic No

## **Presentation Details**

• Removing the 1,000 cap, asking IRCC to provide the same equitable interventions for anyone leaving Gaza, removal application fees, and provide social assistance whilst they arrive in Canada. • Expand evacuation criteria to include extended family members, such as nephews and nieces older than 22 years old and/or married. • Expedite processing of Temporary Resident Visas (TRVs) for Gazans with family ties to Canada. • Commit to a flexible approach to evaluating TRV requirements to recognize the practical limitations caused by the situation in Gaza. • Postpone biometric and medical requirements until individuals reach Canada • Niagara Region light headquarters in the colors of the Palestine Flag (red, white, green, black) to show solidarity and acknowledge the humanitarian crisis and all people struggling because of the violence and conflict in Gaza.

Video Consent

Yes

