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4:15 p.m.

**EGLINTON-LAWRENCE CANDIDATE DYANOOSH YOUSSEFI CALLS THE PREMIER'S
DECISION TO USE THE NOTWITHSTANDING CLAUSE "EXTREMELY WORRYING
AND A FURTHER THREAT TO OUR DEMOCRACY."**

"As a candidate for City Council, as a resident of Ontario, and as a citizen of our great country, I am both disappointed and alarmed by the Premier's decision to invoke the Charter's notwithstanding clause. After losing in Ontario Superior Court, the Premier has decided to override the judiciary and push through this undemocratic and unlawful policy of reducing the number of municipal wards in Toronto in the middle of an election."

"The notwithstanding clause is an extraordinary measure. It is meant to be used in exceptional circumstances. The right of Torontonians to shape their City Council and to vote for the best form of governance in our City is NOT one of those exceptional circumstances that justifies the use of this extraordinary measure."

"The Premier has indicated that the vote will be a free vote, meaning that all MPPs will be able to vote in accordance to their own free will. I urge all Ontarians to write to their MPPs and impress upon them the importance of voting against the use of the notwithstanding clause."

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(Please note, Dyanoosh will not be available on the morning of the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, September 11, 2018.)
