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==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

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Reason(s) for delegation request:

Good morning Stephanie.

Leo Johnson, Executive Director of Empowerment Squared met with Councillors N.Naan (Ward 3) and M.Wilson (Ward 1) to discuss the emerging needs arising in the newcomer, racialize, and marginalized communities as a result of Covid-19. In the past year, Empowerment Squared has conducted bi-weekly assessments identifying that food insecurity, and access to technology and reliable internet is resulting in children not attending school. There is a crisis brewing in the community and it is our responsibility and duty to report the findings to Council hence why councillor Naan and Wilson have recommended that Leo Johnson present the findings at the GIC meeting on May 17. A presentation will be available highlighting the quantitative data of the challenges and barriers that youth are facing as a result of Covid-19 aligning with the City's Youth Action Strategy.

Stephanie is there anything else that you need on our end at this time before we can move forward with the May 17 request? Please confirm receipt of this email so we can ensure that it has been delivered to the right person.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes