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Asalaamu alaikum,

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Dear Congregants,

We, at the Islamic Society of Toronto (IST), feel it is necessary to clarify a matter of public concern regarding a recent social media post made by a Member of Parliament, Rob Oliphant.

Mr. Oliphant recently made a post on his Instagram account implying that he was welcomed at our mosque and had visited us as part of his political outreach. We wish to make it unequivocally clear that, **Mr. Oliphant was neither invited to the mosque nor did he step onto the mosque property.** His presence was outside IST's property, and any implication that he was inside or participated in an event at IST is false and misleading.

Furthermore, we tried to contact Mr. Oliphant's office in order to inform him that his actions were inappropriate and requested the removal of the misleading content from his Instagram account. As a place of worship that serves a diverse and politically varied community, IST will always have a strict non-partisan policy. **We do not endorse or support any political party or candidate**, and we are committed to ensuring our space remains free from political campaigning.

Our mosque is a spiritual sanctuary intended to serve the needs of the Muslim community and the public with integrity, neutrality, and respect. We ask all public officials to honor this policy and not use our name or space for political gain.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your understanding and continued support.

Regards,
Management
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