

Kind Attention:

John Frazer, Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party

Brian Johns, President, Ontario Liberal Party

We as members and supporters of the Ontario Liberal Party as well as the Liberal Party of Canada would like to communicate our deep disappointment and significant concerns regarding Mr. Reza Moridi's (former Ontario MPP) recent action to publicly endorse a Conservative candidate against an incumbent Liberal Member of Parliament for Richmond Hill.

In the latest issue of Shahrvand Magazine (October 10, 2019), Mr. Moridi has publicly endorsed, Costas Menegakis, the Conservative federal candidate of Richmond Hill. Mr. Menegakis is a right wing politician who was involved as a parliamentary secretary to the minister of immigration in implementation of anti-immigration policies during the Harper era including passing Bill C24 which would divide Canadian citizens into two separate tiers. Fortunately this bill and many other anti-immigration policies passed by the Harper government were repealed by Prime Minister Trudeau after 2015.

Mr. Moridi's action, formally endorsing and advertising for a conservative candidate in Richmond Hill, his home riding, is a breach of trust and complete disrespect towards all supporters of the Ontario Liberal Party and the Liberal Party of Canada in Richmond Hill and Ontario who for many years in consecutive elections supported Moridi because of the platform of the Ontario Liberals.

Between 2007 and 2018, Mr. Moridi utilized the trust of Ontario liberals and the resources of the Ontario Liberal Party to rise to a ministerial position within the Liberal government. Now, it is disgraceful that at this important and sensitive election for Canadians and for Liberals and in a crucial riding in the GTA, he is abusing the influence he has built with the Liberal brand in the riding to formally endorse the rival Conservative candidate, Costas Menegakis who does not believe in liberal values and has been a long-time supporter of Stephen Harper's most extreme policies.

Accordingly, we would like to ask you and the executive counsel of the Ontario Liberal Party to immediately issue a public statement against Mr. Moridi's action to ensure that it's clear that the party does not support this endorsement. We also expect the Ontario Liberal leadership and the leadership candidates to distance themselves from Reza Moridi and his unacceptable actions against Liberals and liberal values.

The constitution of the Ontario Liberal Party clearly states that the party shall advocate and support liberal political principles and shall promote the election of Liberals to elected offices. The actions of Mr. Moridi in endorsing a right wing politician who does not support liberal values are clearly against these principles in the constitution of the Ontario Liberal Party.

We Appreciate your attention and consideration in advance.

List of 101 signatories is available in the original letter sent to the Ontario Liberal Party.

CC:

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
The Ontario Liberal Leadership Candidates
Ontario Liberal MPPs