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Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Dear Mayor Jack Froese,

There are a growing number of Azerbaijani-Canadians who call Langley home; and Azerbaijani Canadians have a long and deeply rooted legacy that reminds us of both proud and painful chapters of our history; and

The majority of today's Azerbaijani Canadians Community are descendants of survivors of the Khojaly Genocide, and

We honor the irreplaceable roles Azerbaijani Canadian shave played in our past, including the rich diversity they brought to the Canada, and

Canadian's Azerbaijani community has enriched our state by preserving and promoting Azerbaijan Culture, language, history, and heritage in Langley, Canada.

Every year, in February the Canadians of Azerbaijani origin come together to commemorate the tragedy that happened on the night of 25th to 26th of February in 1992.

Khojaly was a small town in the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan with a total area of 1 sq.km. There were about 12,000 residents living in the town before the ethnic cleansing and the infamous massacre happened. Of 613 people killed, 106 were women, 63 - children and 70 elderly people. 1275 people were taken hostage, while the fate of 150 persons remains unknown to this day. 56 people were killed with outrageous brutality.

With this email, I appeal to you to show your sympathy to the grief of Azerbaijani Canadians and honour the memory of innocent victims.

Thank you
Sincerely ;
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