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JUNE 2018: CELEBRATING DAVENPORT'S DIVERSITY

Dear friends and neighbours,

With the warm weather finally here, we're lucky to have so many ways to celebrate our community and its incredible diversity.

Last month, I co-hosted an Immigration Town Hall at Oakwood Library with the Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. The Minister spoke about the significant improvements our government has made to the immigration system, how immigration eases the effects of Canada's declining birthrate and increasing retirement, and the myths about those who seek asylum at our borders. To be clear: the regular and asylum immigration processes are different. They each have separate resources, and one does not interfere with the other.

I also had the pleasure of joining Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in

welcoming Portuguese Prime Minister António Costa to Canada. They both expressed their pride in June being recognized as Portuguese Heritage Month (and June 10 as Portugal Day in Canada) for the first time at the national level, and together, we visited Portuguese businesses and the broader Portuguese diaspora in Toronto.

This month, I will be spending my weekends at several fairs and festivals in our community. I'm looking forward to marching in both the Pride and Portugal Day Parades again this year, and I want to encourage you to join me in taking advantage of the exciting events taking place throughout our riding. For a list of events, please visit my website at jdzerowicz.liberal.ca.

Julie Dzerowicz
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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10 - Portugal Day Parade
BLOOR & LANSDOWNE • 11 AM - 1 PM

June 23 - Day Avenue Street Festival
DUFFERIN & ST. CLAIR • 12 PM START

June 23/24 - Fairbank Summerfest
EGLINTON W OF DUFFERIN • SAT 12 - 11 PM • SUN 12 - 9 PM

June 24 - Toronto Pride Parade
BLOOR & CHURCH • 2 PM

Go to the 'upcoming events' tab on my website juliedzerowicz.ca for more details.



With Ken Robertson at an Indigenous Affairs Roundtable



At Toronto Pride with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and fellow MPs



With Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Prime Minister António Costa

>>> Read page two to learn what our government is doing to make our country stronger through immigration. Fill out the feedback form on page two to let me know your thoughts about our federal government's progress.

CANADA'S ECONOMY DEPENDS ON IMMIGRATION



WITH MINISTER AHMED HUSSEN FOR THE SIGNING OF THE CANADA-ONTARIO IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT

Canada has always been made stronger by its immigrant communities. We see it in Davenport every day. As our economy continues to grow, it's important that our immigration policy remains in-step. With Canada's natural birth rate declining, and the retirement rate increasing, there is virtually unanimous consent amongst economists that we must continue to increase our immigration levels to ensure that we remain competitive in a global economy. With the fastest-growing economy in the G7, that plan is working; but members of our community have reached out to me with questions about Canada's broader immigration policy, and I want to address some of them here.

First, it's worth noting that 60% of immigrants to Canada are economic immigrants. This means they come to Canada with training or education that allows them to make an immediate contribution to Canada's economy.

Contrary to the myths produced by anti-immigration forces, only around 14,5% of Canada's yearly intake are refugees.

Asylum seekers - who are fleeing their homeland in fear of their lives - are subject to an immediate identity, health, and security check. Once passed, only then can they file an asylum claim.

Since December 2016, we have reduced the backlog of spousal sponsorship applications by 80%, and we have cut the processing time by more than 50% for 82% of applicants. This means that the vast majority of families are being reunited in less than 12 months.

Our government is committed to an immigration policy that helps grow our economy while protecting the most-vulnerable, and reuniting families without compromising national security. There's still more work to be done, but the progress we've made has made a concrete difference in the lives of millions.

I have been, and will continue to be, a strong advocate of immigration issues in our community - and I always welcome your feedback! Please fill out and mail the form below, or email any questions or concerns to julie.dzerowicz@parl.gc.ca.

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Yes, I would like to receive email updates and invites to upcoming events from MP Julie Dzerowicz.

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What are your thoughts on Canada's immigration policy?

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