

**ITEM                    MAYORAL MINUTE - CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUE SHOOTINGS**

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**REPORT**

Diversity is the bedrock of our community in the City of Canada Bay.

As much as we are defined by the Parramatta River to the North and Parramatta Road to the South, our City of Canada Bay community is defined by our proud multicultural heritage.

So many families have travelled from all corners of the world to make a home in the City of Canada Bay and we are a stronger community for it.

I reflect on our diversity today in the wake of the terrible tragedy in Christchurch.

I know I speak for all here at Council, and for our community, when I offer our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to everyone impacted by the horrific and senseless killings last Friday.

I want to acknowledge the grief felt by our local Muslim community. Know that all members of our community grieve and stand with you.

In response to this unthinkable tragedy today we send our condolences to our brothers and sisters in New Zealand and we reaffirm our commitment to supporting and celebrating our community's proud diversity.

As New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said of the victims of this tragedy, many of whom came to New Zealand as refugees: "They are us".

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Mayor write to Mayor of Christchurch Lianne Dalziel offering the condolences of Council and of the City of Canada Bay Community.