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Re: Resolution 160 of 2023

Dear Kingston Common Council,

I am disheartened to learn the Common Council is considering repealing part of Section 1 from Resolution 204 of 2022, which helps ensure that contractors have strong apprenticeship programs. Strong apprenticeship standards, including graduation rates, are an investment in our workforce, and should not be sacrificed.

At a time when workers are inspiring the entire nation by taking risks to stand up for their rights, the process that has brought the Common Council to this vote betrays this moment of solidarity and prioritizes haste over a careful analysis of the facts. I urge you to sit down with local unions and all relevant stakeholders to develop new language around apprenticeship requirements. A partial repeal of Resolution 204 of 2022 will set Kingston's leadership back—I encourage you to vote no on Resolution 160.

Sincerely,

Sarahana Shrestha,
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