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City Council

City of Mont Royal

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Monument Project in Mont Royal

I'm Ninh Huu Nguyen, President of Little Saigon Vancouver Foundation, would like to send this letter to City Council of Mont Royal to show our total support the project of Vietnamese Boat People Monument in the city.

We are the Boat People and we knew the terror in the journey escaping from the communist of Vietnam. In 1975, after the Vietnamese communists took over South Vietnam on 30th April, hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese people left their homeland to escape the oppressive communist regime. Most of them escaped by boat, and the term Boat People came into common use during that time. The Boat People risked their lives on dangerously crude and overcrowded boats. Many died or went missing at sea. Many were attacked by pirates; many were abducted, raped and killed.

Many years have gone by, but we always remember them. We never forget their sacrifices and the hardship they endured in their search for democracy, freedom and human rights. We are glad to have found these here in Canada.

Around the world and especially in Ottawa, Vancouver, Mississauga, the Vietnamese communities have built monuments to honor the Vietnamese Boat People who lost their lives on the high seas. Here in Mont Royal, this monument also recognizes the commercial, social and cultural contributions made by the former Vietnamese Boat People in Mont Royal City.

Therefore, we need a Monument in Mont Royal and we request the City Council to support, to give us the permission to build the Monument in the city.

Yours very truly,

Ninh Huu Nguyen
