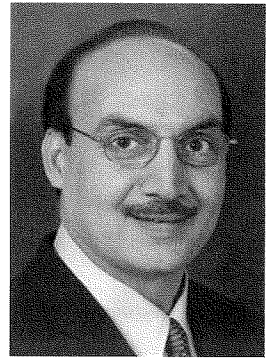


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Dear Concerned Community Member:

**Please be advised that I have arranged a town hall meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at Alan Emmott Centre, 6650 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, between 3:30 and 6:30 pm.**

The meeting will feature information on fraudulent and abusive marriages in which the sponsors have been victimized at a mental and/or physical level by the partner sponsored for immigration. It will also examine serious gaps in our social security systems and demonstrate the need to address them so victims of others' wrongful actions do not continue to suffer in helplessness and anonymity.

This is a complex issue with a number of factors playing into it and as an elected representative; I feel the first step to address it is to listen. That is precisely what this meeting purports to do – give an opportunity to people that have lived through such regrettable circumstances to tell their stories to those in a position to help, such as community activists, elected representatives, service agencies and concerned citizens. Listening will help us identify gaps that need to be filled in our community support systems.

I urge you to join me as well as Diane Thorne, MLA, Coquitlam – Maillardville and the members of the entire working group who have been looking into this matter for some time now. Please feel free to forward this invite to other relevant persons and organizations.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours Sincerely,

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