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Speech of Kenny Wan

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Thank you.

I am so honoured and grateful for your support this evening. Your presence tonight is truly a motivation to me.

By being here tonight, you are telling me that I'm on the right path in taking the first of MANY steps to become the voice of Markham-Unionville.

By being here tonight, you're reminding me the importance of accountability of an elected official – to serve the people of diverse backgrounds in the riding.

Of course, we cannot lose sight of the fact that this is NOT a journey for just me, my family and my team of volunteers. To get to where we have to go, we need everyone to sign up and become members of the Liberal Party. Members must cast their vote at the nomination event and eventually come out to vote at the federal election.

I know sometimes people are quite hesitant to get involved in the political process. Well, that's like having dinner at a restaurant without worrying about what you're being served. Wouldn't you prefer to choose what you like from the menu and pick the chef who can prepare that dish for you?

The annual membership fee for the Liberal Party is \$10 a year. As a member, you can expand your network and have greater access to elected officials to express your view. The best part is: you ALWAYS have the option of getting involved as much or as little as you'd like.

Canada is a democratic country with a stable political climate. It is our rights AND responsibilities, as Canadians, to actively play a role in sustaining our country. Given that the Liberal Party stands for inclusion, mutual respect, social justice, peace and humanity, this is not a bad place to start if you want to get involved! Markham-Unionville is a very diverse riding. It is the heart of a booming city with a diverse cultural mix. 40% of our residents are of Chinese decent, primarily immigrants, both new and old.

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While I was born in Hong Kong, I have spent majority of my adult life embracing the Canadian way of living. For the past decade, a major part of my business has been working with new immigrants from Mainland China as well as other countries. My personal experience combined with my years of community involvement has given me insights on the different perspectives and cultural sensitivity. That, ladies and gentlemen, puts me in a unique position to competently represent Markham-Unionville.

As a community, we now have a great opportunity on the national stage. The Markham-Unionville riding deserves to have someone who understands the stakeholders, their needs and their perspective.

This riding deserves to have someone with integrity and broad-minded thinking.

This riding deserves an action-oriented person who is committed to be its voice.

Thank you once again for being here tonight. I am humbled by the support you've shown me. My team and I will continue to work tirelessly throughout this process. Rest assured that this dedication and commitment will be our trademark!

Ultimately, the opportunity to represent Markham-Unionville will first depend on the number of Liberal Party members' support at the nomination meeting. At this stage, your help is most needed in getting members of the community to sign up.

As I said earlier, this journey is not just about Kenny Wan and his team but everyone in the community.

Together, we can bring the voice of Markham-Unionville to the Parliament!

Together we can help build our beautiful country Canada!

Together we can make history!

I count on you for your support and I rely on your guidance to be my sounding board.

Thank you very much!