Item 11.4

Notices of Motion

12 Months Since the 2023 Referendum on the Voice to Parliament

By Deputy Lord Mayor Maxwell

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

(i) in 2023, 6.2 million Australians voted Yes to support a Voice to Parliament. In Sydney ,the vote for 'Yes' was around 71% which was a reflection of the hard work of activists across the electorate who campaigned hard to achieve this amazing result;

(ii) the City of Sydney Council supported the Yes23 Campaign and provided significant support for the campaign from beginning to end. This included providing a program of information, awareness, communications and events, and by developing broader community support;

(iii) the City was a major sponsor of the Sydney Peace Prize which recognised the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The City provided free tickets to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community leaders and representatives to attend;

(iv) that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians still want a voice and a seat at the table on the issues and policies that impact them despite not winning the 2023 Referendum; and

(v) that this is the beginning and not the end, and that the fight for Voice, Treaty and Truth is still as important as ever;

(B) Council continue to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart and promote opportunities for meaningful collaboration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community;

(C) Council congratulate Councillor Yvonne Weldon on her re-election to the City of Sydney Council, recognising the valuable work she has done for the City of Sydney to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and

(D) Council continue to create opportunities for meaningful local action to champion truth telling and continue its work to implement Voice, Treaty and Truth. This includes ongoing efforts to bring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people together with local businesses and organisations across the City of Sydney to continue building on the principles of the Uluru Statement.

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