

**10 PROVISION OF FOOD / HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY IN RYDE -
Councillor Roy Maggio**

File Number: CLM/21/1/1/6 - BP21/814

MOTION:

- (a) That Council provide a report at the next meeting, with a complete list of all local organisations that provide food / hampers to the needy in the Ryde LGA, such as Christian Community Aid, North Ryde Community Aid etc.
- (b) That consideration is to be given to the amount of money Council can donate to those organisations, to assist them in continuing this important service.
- (c) That appropriate amounts (for donation) could be established through discussions between Council staff and representatives of each of the organisations.

11 FOOD TRUCKS IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Roy Maggio
File Number: CLM/21/1/1/6 - BP21/815

MOTION:

That the City of Ryde compliance team investigate and report back, if required, the auditing of all food trucks within the City of Ryde as soon as practicable on public and private land during weekdays and weekends ensuring the appropriate measures are taken with a local COVID Safe Plan to continue trading.

**12 CALL TO SUPPORT URGENT ADVOCACY ON AFGHANISTAN -
Councillor Penny Pedersen****File Number: CLM/21/1/1/6 - BP21/816**

MOTION:

- (a) That Council reaffirm its declaration as a refugee welcome zone and a signatory of the Refugee welcome scroll where City of Ryde pledged to advocate for more compassionate treatment of refugees.
- (b) That Council acknowledge the large number of Afghan Australians in Ryde who contribute greatly to our community and send sincere condolences to them for the devastating loss of life resulting from violence in Afghanistan.
- (c) That Council acknowledge risks to the safety of women, girls and religious minority groups; the growing humanitarian crisis resulting from conflict and the displacement of so many of Afghan people.
- (d) That the Mayor write to Prime Minister, The Hon. Scott Morrison; The Hon. Maris Payne – Minister for Foreign Affairs; The Hon. Alex Hawke – Minister for Immigration, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs and call on the Federal Government to implement the measures set out by the Refugee Council of Australia that include:-
 - (i) do everything possible in coming days to evacuate people who are at grave risk within Afghanistan, including those who have worked for or assisted the Australian Government and Australian organisations (including the embassy, armed forces, NGOs and media), human rights defenders and women and girls whose lives and security are under great threat.
 - (ii) urge governments in the region to keep borders open for people trying to flee persecution in Afghanistan, including and particularly Pakistan and Iran.
 - (iii) offer additional refugee resettlement places for Afghan refugees immediately, as the Australian Government did in 2015 with 12,000 additional places for Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Canada has already announced its commitment of 20,000 additional places for Afghan refugees. Australia could match this offer and urge other resettlement states to do the same, sending a strong and positive message to states receiving Afghan refugees that the world is ready to share responsibility in the protection of lives at risk.

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- (iv) as many people are now at risk from hunger and lack of shelter due to their forced displacement, immediately increase Australian aid to the region to support programs to assist people who have been displaced across borders and, wherever possible, support organisations still offering assistance within Afghanistan.
 - (v) we welcome the extension of temporary visas of all Afghan citizens in Australia announced by Immigration Minister, Alex Hawke on 17 August. A vital next step of this is to ensure that people whose asylum claims have been previously rejected be supported to submit new claims in the light of the changed circumstances in Afghanistan.
 - (vi) extend permanent protection to 4300 Afghans on temporary protection visas, recognising that members of this group are unlikely to be able to return in safety for many years to come and need the assurance that they can continue to live in Australia without the constant fear of forced return.
 - (vii) assist Afghan Australians, including people with temporary and permanent protection visas, with urgent family reunion applications for relatives who are at particular risk, as members of minorities targeted by the Taliban or people likely to be targeted because of their connections to western nations. This should include giving priority to finalising family reunion applications which have previously been lodged but are waiting on a decision from the Department of Home Affairs.
- (e) That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Refugee Council of Australia and Mr John Alexander MP for Bennelong.