

“Hey George W. If You come to Canada, You Could be Arrested” “Yeah. For What?”...

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MAYOR WATTS AND SURREY CITY COUNCILORS:

SURREY BC: A SAFE HAVEN FOR WAR CRIMINALS?

Is this what you support?

George W. Bush, former US president and notorious accused war criminal, is scheduled to come to Surrey British Columbia on October 20th 2011 as the guest of Mayor Diane Watts and the City of Surrey Councillors .

As a person accused, on reasonable grounds of torture, war crimes and crimes against humanity, Canada is legally bound to ensure that George W. Bush does not receive safe haven from prosecution in Canada . Therefore, Canada’s elected representatives—including those of Surrey—must fulfill this duty either by ensuring that George W. Bush is barred from entering Canada, or if he enters the country, taking measures to ensure he is prosecuted in Canada or extradited to a country willing and able to prosecute. See [LAW’s August 25/11 letter](#) outlining the facts and law. http://www.lawyersagainsthewar.org/letters/LAW_letter_re_George_Bush_20110825.pdf

We remind you of the statement of London ‘s mayor Boris Johnson that if George W. Bush were to come to the U.K. or any other European country, “he might never see Texas again,” due to the risk of a lawful arrest for authorizing torture. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwWb5jaYYs>

We urge the mayor and councillors to take action to ensure that George W. Bush does not receive, in violation of the law, safe haven in Surrey BC from prosecution for torture and other grave crimes.

We call on the Mayor and Councillors to:

- Advise G.W. Bush that, as a person accused on reasonable grounds of complicity in torture and other war crimes and crimes against humanity, he is not admissible to Canada unless and until such accusations have been tried and dismissed by a competent court; and,

- Advise G.W. Bush that the City of Surrey is withdrawing the invitation to speak at the October 20th 2011 event in Surrey BC ; and,
- Remind G.W. Bush that if he enters Canada , he risks arrest and prosecution in Canada or extradition to another country for prosecution and that the Surrey Council will promote this application of the law.

We remind you of your duty as elected representatives to uphold the law and the rule of law, to ensure the equal application of the law and to oppose efforts to flout the law to benefit political or economic allies such as George W. Bush. Your failure or refusal to apply the law coupled with your efforts to shield George W. Bush from the law, effectively provide license to other heads of state to engage in widespread and illegal acts of war, war crimes and crimes against humanity: acts that have caused the death, injury, displacement and enforced disappearances of millions of innocent people in Iraq alone.

DO YOU SUPPORT IMPUNITY FOR THE PERPETRATORS OF THESE CRIMES?

We look forward to receiving your reply.

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