

2014 Election

Why am I running for the board?

I am Medi Shams, one of the last year's ICC election candidates.

I have a graduate degree in Architecture from L'Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Beaux-Arts, Paris, France. I moved to Canada in 1993 and started my own printing business - Sign & Print Inc

To know about my activities and involvement in our community, I invite you to visit:

www.nodeportationstoiran.org

www.hambastegi.ca

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/No-Deportations-To-Iran/148326218620490>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/HambastegiHemayat/456474827727325>

You can also visit my website www.chams.ca for in-depth information on my vision for the community, my plans and activities related to my campaign. I believe that in order to serve our community and to achieve our goals we do not need necessarily to be on the ICC board of directors.

My last year's involvement with the Residency Questionnaire, the Persian Gulf Campaign, and multiple issues related to refugees proved that with just a few dedicated people and a little perseverance we can achieve a lot.

My belief was most recently reinforced by the positive outcomes of a series of meetings with Conservative members of the Parliament. We are planning to continue these meetings in order to create a direct connection with the government, and to have a meaningful impact on issues facing our community and Canadian society in general.

I believe that ICC is in a crisis. Its lack of connection with the community and lack of engagement of its members are in my view the basic cause of this crisis.

The By-law needs to be further revised. The changes in the newly suggested draft are an improvement, however they are not sufficient. We need more transparency regarding the activities of the board. There needs to be a stronger mechanism for members to provide input and influence the decisions of the board. ICC should be more active and have deeper involvement-

Our community has lost some of its trust in ICC. We need to revive this trust by exerting a greater, more sincere and honest effort.

My wish is "For a New Start". I hope that with the support of like-minded people, I can make a difference.

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