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The position of City of Vaughan Hockey Association (CVHA) President is up for election at the CVHA 2021 AGM normally held in May or June. The following clause (090) is taken directly from the bottom of page 10 of the most recently updated CVHA constitution.

090 Eligibility for the Office of President

In order to qualify for election as President of the CVHA, the candidate must have previously served on the Executive of the CVHA, in any capacity, for the two years immediately prior to the election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member serving on the Board as Director at Large may not run for the position of President.

CVHA Constitution 10 Revised August 26, 2020

Barry Harte who joined the CVHA Board in 2008 as a Director and become President since 2010 has updated the eligibility requirements for presidential candidate to make it impossible for anyone else to run against him. This would not be problematic if CVHA were a private for-profit business paying market value for ice permits. But CVHA is registered as a nonprofit and has exclusive priority and access to ice allocation in ALL of Vaughan municipal facilities including Sports Village for co-ed youth hockey leagues games and team practices at CSO Minor rates.

List of Executive Members	
 Barry Harte President	 Ron Romano Treasurer
 Joe DiMaria Vice President Vaughan Rangers Phone: 416-910-5109 (c)	 Anthony Magagna Vice President House League
 Jason Cohn Vice President House League	 Tony Spagnuolo Referee in Chief
 Emilio Carinci Director at Large	 Gianni De Franco Director at Large

As per above taken directly from CVHA’s website, it is clear that there are only seven other executive members in addition to president; Two of which are directors at large which, as per clause 090 above, do not qualify to run for president. So of the five that do presumably qualify to contest the president position none would run. Why? Because they were strategically brought in as executive members as

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they do not aspire to ever run for president or they do not want to risk losing their current position.

This is why Mr. Harte has been, I allege, acclaimed five times as president over the past decade.

Rocco Alonzi, who served (as First VP: Rep and Select) on the board for the same length of time as Mr. Harte, was quietly removed from the Board recently. There was no public announcement thanking him for his long service so I allege the removal was due to Mr. Alonzi becoming a threat to Mr. Harte's position as president. Again, if CVHA did not have exclusive priority and access to subsidized ice permits at City of Vaughan facilities this would not be an issue.

Furthermore, I allege that not one single of the eight members of the CVHA Board live in Wards 4 or 5. All appear to be middle age to older males and none can be identified based on their photo and name as female, young adult or visible minority. In short CVHA Board does not reflect the diversity of Vaughan residents.

Until at which point the CVHA Board is democratically elected and reflects diversity of Vaughan residents, I suggest that (other than Schwartz/Reisman JCC Chai Sports for their Sunday afternoon/evening house league which had to be under CVHA's umbrella to get ice time) that CVHA no longer receive ice allocation in Ward 5 arenas (Garnet Williams and Rosemount). (Ward 4 currently has no arenas and none are planned for the foreseeable future.) All ice time at Ward 5 arenas needs to be assigned to respond to CSO Minor groups that primarily serve the local community which include JCC house league, Thornhill-Carrville Hockey School, and Thornhill Figure Skating Club, and other new CSO Minor groups.

Please contact me anytime at tel# 365-597-0717 for any questions or clarifications.

Sincerely,

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