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DALJIT S. NIRMAN RE-APPOINTED TO OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD

(Ottawa)—Board member Daljit S. Nirman, first appointed to the Ottawa Police Services Board in February of 2019, has been re-appointed for a further three-year term by Order-in-Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. His term now expires on February 14, 2025.

“Ever since joining the Board, Member Nirman has demonstrated a clear passion and enthusiasm for working with his Board colleagues and the Police Service to improve policing in the Nation’s Capital,” stated Board Chair Diane Deans. “Member Nirman’s reappointment for a further three-year term will enable him to continue this very important work.”

"I am pleased to be reappointed for a second term," stated Member Nirman. "The Board represents the community's interest in policing, and I will continue to bring the important perspectives of our many diverse communities to the Board table and particularly those of our racialized, marginalized and vulnerable communities with whom I have had the privilege to work with over the last two decades."

Biography of Member Nirman

Daljit is a practitioner of law with over three decades of diverse legal experience. He is a former adjunct professor of law, received a Master of Laws from the University of Ottawa, a Bachelor of Science with honours in Physics and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Delhi. He also holds post-graduate specialised diplomas in Labour Laws, International Law, Industrial Relations, Personnel Management, and the Law of International Institutions.

Daljit was inducted into the Order of Ottawa in 2021. Daljit is the founding director of *Cooking Up Community Services*, a not-for-profit organization which held two very successful annual fundraising breakfast events in support of the Montfort Hospital Foundation and the purchase of a CT Scanner with a specialized cardiac module, and another in support of United Way Ottawa’s project step – an award-winning drug and substance abuse initiative serving youth in Ottawa. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, annual fundraising campaigns for the years 2020 and 2021 were done virtually in support of The Snowsuit Fund of Ottawa. Daljit was also a key member of the fundraising team for the University of Ottawa Heart Institute Foundation for clinical research which raised \$10 million in the span of ten years.

Daljit volunteers his time as a board member of The Snowsuit Fund of Ottawa and is a past board member of the Ottawa Community Immigrant Service Organization and United Way East Ontario. He is also an adviser to various not-for profit and charitable organizations. Daljit provides seminars on various fundamental legal issues and does pro-bono work at various multi-faith religious and senior organizations across Ottawa. He is also a recipient of the 2022 Community Builder Award by United Way East Ontario and a few other community service awards in recognition of his services.

Daljit authored a book titled *Reference Book for Disciplinary Proceedings – Procedures*. This book was premised on the rules of principles of natural justice and was accepted for reference at the libraries of both the University of Ottawa and Carleton University. Daljit has also written two guides for Crown corporations titled *Plain Language Guide for Unjust Dismissal Adjudication* and *Plain Language Guide for Wage Recovery Referee Proceedings*. These were created for the benefit of non-unionized federal government employees in Canada to provide them with a better understanding of their legal rights. His articles on legal, social and community issues are highly commended. Daljit won a landmark case involving consumer rights against Alliance Air Limited (now Air-India) in 1999 which has now become a legal precedent case for compensation to passengers for delays.

Daljit emigrated from New Delhi, India in 2000 where his last position was a manager with the largest financial institution. Daljit is married and lives with his wife in Ottawa, Ontario. Together they have two sons, both of whom are also lawyers and have been called to the bar of Ontario.

The Ottawa Police Services Board is the civilian body responsible for governing the Ottawa Police Service. It is responsible for ensuring the provision of adequate and effective police services to the residents of the City of Ottawa.

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