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I feel honored to running for a second term for the CPSO Council election. This is yet again another great opportunity for me to make a positive difference in how our medical profession is regulated. I now have a greater understanding and appreciation of the importance of serving the public's interest. My first term honed my decision making skills that enhance patient care, dismissing inherent biases and ensuring it remains patient centered.

As a front line physician, I continue to experience the struggles our patient face in our healthcare system. Having already served with the council, along with being a new father further enable a seasoned yet informed perspective on important patient issues

I was born in Santa Marta, Columbia to Syrian parents who fled persecution in their home country to look for a better life for their children in South America and then Canada. My experiences and medical education in the Caribbean, United States of America and residency training in Canada have molded the type of physician I am today. I have a profound respect and appreciation of our compassionate and inclusive medical system in Canada.

Working with complex, often marginalized elderly dementia patient regularly requires focus, patience and a compassionate analysis of their multi factorial issues. My work in Palliative care further demands emphatic communication skills and unequivocal vigilance for this vulnerable patient group. The field of Pain Medicine necessitates relationship building, exploring traumatic past and identifying confounding issues. Both my professional and personal activities demand continues learning, strategic thinking and the ability to work collaboratively with a team to achieve best outcomes for those involved.

I am hopeful that my diverse expertise will be of use to this Council if elected.

Thank you for your consideration.