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Attn: Chair & Members of the Economic Development Committee

From: Councillor Nunziata

Re: Item ED27.9 Toronto Artscape

Dear Chair & Members,

At its January 11, 2010 meeting, the Weston-Mount Dennis (WMD) Employment Growth Task Force, for which I am the Chair, reviewed item *ED27.9 Toronto Artscape* on the agenda for the meeting of the Economic Development Committee to take place on January 15, 2010. At the request of the Task Force, representatives from Artscape attended the meeting of January 11th to brief members on the proposal for a pilot project in Weston-Mount Dennis which is included as Attachment 1 of Artscape's report to the Economic Development Committee (Item ED27.9). After considerable discussion, the Task Force voted to adopt the following recommendations:

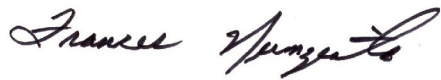
- 1. That the WMD Employment Growth Task Force support Artscape's proposal for a Pilot Project in Weston-Mount Dennis as it is consistent with the objectives of the task force, particularly that of fostering needed employment growth in the WMD area.**
- 2. That Councillor Nunziata, on behalf of the WMD Employment Growth Task Force, request that City Council support Artscape's proposal for a Pilot Project in Weston-Mount Dennis.**

The WMD Employment Growth Task Force is comprised of representatives from the local community, including businesses and agencies, as well as all levels of government and staff from City Planning and Economic Development, Culture & Tourism. The Task Force has been examining causes and solutions to the area's declining economy and employment base and was created to investigate ways of improving employment and economic growth in Weston-Mount Dennis. The Task Force has met consistently since its conception in 2007, and firmly believes that if implemented, Artscape's proposed pilot project can play a significant role in the revitalization of Weston-Mount Dennis.

At this time, I respectfully request that the Chair of the Economic Development Committee move the following recommendation on my behalf:

- 1. That the Economic Development Committee request that City Council officially support Artscape's proposal for a Pilot Project in Weston-Mount Dennis.**
- 2. That the City Clerk relay this information to the CEO of Artscape, as well as Artscape's Board of Directors.**

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frances Nunziata".

Frances Nunziata
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