



June 14, 2010

Chair and Members  
of the Executive Committee  
Committee Room 1, City Hall  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Executive Committee:

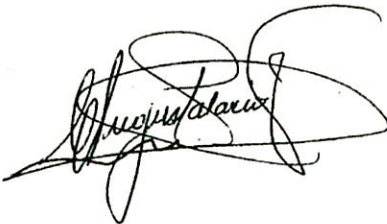
I write this letter in support of agenda item EX45.36 Parks Enhancement Strategy.

Ward 17, Davenport has little or not development and does not receive any significant Section 37 monies. This is true for many other wards. At the opposite extreme, wards with significant development and excess Section 37 grants must use these monies for expensive street furniture because no land exists for parkland acquisition. These wards have run out of land for parkland.

Councillor Moscoe's motion addressed the inequity of the situation and seeks to find the best use of Section 37 monies throughout the city. In my ward, the monies allocated in the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry budget are not enough to maintain and enhance Davenport's parks. City policies must ensure equitable access to funding for parkland acquisition and development.

I support motion EX45.36 and look forward to the debate on the parks enhancement strategy.

Yours truly,



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Ward 17, Davenport