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To: Councillor Thompson and Members of Economic Development Committee

Re: Ex 25.6 Potential Policies and Programs to Support Toronto's Retail Areas

In November of 2015, City Council approved a pilot program to promote economic revitalization in the Oakwood/Vaughan neighbourhood. After much community consultation, there is now an economic revitalization plan in place with a number of specific action items. I urge the Committee to support the recommendations in this report, particularly those related to the Local Capacity Building Program, so that important "seed" funding can be targeted to some of the initiatives put forward in the economic revitalization plan.

Also, as the report mentions, an active and engaged Business Improvement Area (BIA) is essential to advancing these initiatives. As a result of the consultation process, a number of business owners have come forward and expressed interest in serving on the Oakwood Vaughan BIA Board of Management.

Accordingly, I would request that the Committee appoint the following people to the BIA:

- Mark Zwicker – architect and property owner - 329 Oakwood Avenue
- Dr. Carol Tannis – dentist – 505 Oakwood Avenue
- Paulette Di Renzo – property owner – 340/344 Oakwood Avenue
- Nirmala Shettigar – Principal Oakwood Montessori – 473 Oakwood Avenue
- Mauricio Jimenez – Photographer and property owner - 374 Oakwood Avenue
- Suzy Batista – restaurateur – 475 Oakwood Avenue

These appointments will bring renewed energy and commitment to a BIA that has largely been inactive over the past few years. Thank you for considering our request.

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