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Cc: Mayor Tory; Councillor Matlow; Councillor Holyday; Councillor Hart; Councillor MFord; Councillor Carmichael Greb; Councillor McMahon; Councillor Fragedakis; Councillor Davis; Councillor Fletcher

Subject: TEECC comments for 2018.AU12.2 on May 11, 2018 Audit Committee

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 11, 2018 Audit Committee meeting on item 2018.AU12.2, Children's Services Division: Opportunities to Achieve Greater Value for Child Care from Public Funds. I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Toronto East Enders for Child Care is a group of volunteer parents who have come together to advocate for more high-quality child care spaces in our neighbourhood, child care that is more affordable for families, and better information about our child care centres.

We are calling for immediate child care relief and we recommend that the Toronto Auditor General's report be received for information only by the Audit Committee.

The Auditor General's report on the Children's Services Division being considered by the Audit Committee on May 11 includes recommendations that will distract the City from opening the new, affordable childcare spaces we so desperately need. Parents in Toronto's east end do not want our elected officials to be distracted by wage and privatization debates when we need immediate solutions to address the current lack of affordable and accessible child care.

The recommendations in this report do not represent a viable path to more child care

spaces, rather they will result in lengthy administrative and political debates over selling city-owned centres. We strongly support the child care centres and workers who care for our youngest, most underserved and most vulnerable children. We do not want the City to engage in a debate over salaries, which can only lead to widening income disparity in Toronto. We request that the Audit Committee receive the Auditor General's recommendations for information only, and the City of Toronto continue to focus on adding more affordable child care spaces today.

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