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Attn: Josephine Arnold  
Via email: exc@toronto.ca

**EX35.2.21**

**RE: EX35.2: Community Council Boundaries**

**Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee Members:**

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The South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (SERRA) represents residents in the Toronto neighbourhood of Davisville and Eglinton South and has proudly served our area for over 50 years. Our neighbourhood is inside the Yonge-Eglinton Secondary Plan area and is experiencing growth throughout all of our diverse neighbourhoods.

SERRA understands the importance of Community Councils and the Committees of Adjustment that are aligned with these councils. It is important that these councils are properly aligned to ensure effective decision making and governance.

SERRA strongly recommends the selection of **OPTION C – DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION** as the option that is best suited for our community.

We understand that this option would introduce a new community council that would represent a group of 10 wards located in the Midtown region. We suggest that this new council should be called the Midcity Community Council.

Here are the key reasons that this is the best option for our community:

- **Distribution of Population:** This option provides for the best balance of population for today and in the future.
- **Residential Neighbourhoods:** The represented wards are mostly residential neighbourhoods undergoing change through infill development.

- **Transit Corridors:** Most of the wards are along the Eglinton LRT corridor and have common interests in the effectiveness of this transit corridor. Two wards (14 and 26) are aligned with the Yonge Street subway corridor and have strong interests in this corridor and the transit hub and Yonge and Eglinton.
- **Midtown Secondary Plan:** Several of the wards (14, 26 and 33) will be impacted by the new Midtown Secondary Plan. The new community council can help to ensure the effective implementation of this plan.

While we believe that Option C is best choice from the options identified, we would like to recommend the following adjustments to this option:

- Add Ward 27 to CC3 (join the new community council)
- Move Ward 12 to CC1 (no change for the ward from existing council)
- Move Ward 35 and 37 to CC5 (to help balance population distribution).

The advantage in these adjustments is that it would now include Ward 27 in the community council that would be charged with implementing the Midtown Secondary Plan. This would cover off the north-east corner of the planning area and provide for better planning on key transit corridors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input to the important decision on community council boundaries.

Sincerely Yours,

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