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Economic & Community Development Committee City Clerk's Office

100 Queen Street West, Floor 10 West

RE: Item EC 6.20: Consideration for Community Services Partnership Funding Renewal – New Canadian Community Centre

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to you today to request your consideration for the renewal of the Community Services Partnership funding for the New Canadian Community Centre (NCCC), a non-profit organization based in Ward 22 Scarborough-Agincourt.

The Community Services Partnership has provided many non-profit organizations with the ability to open programs for the benefit of local communities in the City of Toronto. Since the group's inception in 2001, the New Canadian Community Centre has provided many Mandarin-speaking senior newcomers to the City of Toronto with settlement services, digital skill workshops, and recreational programs to help them with integration into Toronto society.

The issue that is being brought to your attention today is the reinstating of the Community Services Partnership funding for the New Canadian Community Centre. I am of the understanding that due to a series of personnel change in both the City of Toronto and on the part of the New Canadian Community Centre, there were correspondences that were missed.

I am asking for members of the Economic & Community Development Committee to give their due consideration to allow the New Canadian Community Centre to apply for the Community Services Partnership funding. Losing this funding would affect the operation of many programs the NCCC provide to assist our community's senior newcomers.

Should you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Karygiannis, Councillor Ward 22, Scarborough-Agincourt www.karygiannis.net Sincerely,

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