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RE: Downsview Land-Use Conversion, OPA 231, Item No. CC28.10

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the 8,000 members of the Labourers' International Union North America (LiUNA), Local 506, we wish to state our support for the re-designation of the Downsview lands as proposed in Amendment No. 231 in the City of Toronto's Official Plan. We are strongly of the view that updated land-use designations will help to spur much needed renewal and revitalization of the Downsview area, generating a host of benefits for the local community and the city as a whole, including – and especially – our members who will have an opportunity to help build the future of Downsview.

The approach outlined by Downsview's owners – Northcrest Developments and Canada Lands Company – is both responsible and encouraging. It paints a vivid and exciting picture of what lays ahead for Downsview, one that includes new public infrastructure, new parks, new community spaces, new housing and better connections for and moving around this area. There's no one better to help build this future than our members – and the size and scale of this project means thousands of new jobs and for years to come.

We also understand that this vision will not be realized overnight. But the decision Council is making is the first step to unleash needed momentum toward creating opportunity, jobs and shared prosperity.

At LiUNA Local 506 our mandate is to continue to improve the well-being of all working families and to ensure fair treatment in the workplace. The approach put forward by the land owners will help further these important

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objectives. As such, we would urge City Council to vote in support of the land-use conversion at its upcoming meeting.

I look forward to working with you, councillors Pasternak and Peruzza and others at City Hall to promote lasting benefits for our members and the people of Downsview.

Sincerely,



**Carmen Principato
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CP/ms**

