



To: Mayor Tory and City of Toronto Councillors – Paul Ainslie, Ana Bailão, Brad Bradford, Shelley Carroll, Mike Colle, Gary Crawford, Joe Cressy, John Fillion, Paula Fletcher, Michael Ford, Mark Grimes, Stephen Holyday, Mike Layton, Cynthia Lai, Nick Mantas, Josh Matlow, Jennifer McKelvie, Denzil Minnan-Wong, Frances, Nunziata, James Pasternak, Gord Perks, Anthony Perruzza, Jaye Robinson, Michael Thompson, Kristyn Wong-Tam

From: Good Jobs for All Coalition

Date: December 14, 2021

Re: IE26.16 - TransformTO - Critical Steps for Net Zero by 2040

Dear Members of Toronto City Council,

Thank you for your efforts to address climate change and acting to mitigate its impact. Your efforts acknowledge the urgency with which we must all act. We applaud the city's continued work to transform Toronto into a low-carbon sustainable metropolis. We fully support the IE 26.16: TransformTO - Critical Steps for Net Zero by 2040 and its recommendations. The health of generations to come is dependent on the decisive and steadfast actions we take today.

Established in 2008, the Good Jobs for All Coalition (GJFA) is a labour / community alliance built on a platform of 'Good Jobs, Equity, and the Environment'. Our foundation declaration offers, among other things, a shared vision where everyone has "The opportunity to participate in a greener economy." At our 2009 'Good Green Jobs for All Conference', a framework for action was developed by over 600 participants. The framework includes strategies that call for 'investing in green infrastructure, developing green public policies, advocating for green jobs, equity, and employment'. Looking back, our vision was bold, and our commitment resolute as is evident by our adherence to the vision and framework.

We call on you to:

- Also be resolute in the commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2040. The future depends on it
- Engage fully with labour unions and their members to ensure that the transition to Net Zero is a just one
- Seek input from beyond the circle of influencers and reach out to communities most disaffected by climate change – racialized, Indigenous, economically challenged, etc., people who may not be aware of your mission
- Ensure that achieving Net Zero by 2040 is not derailed by budgetary alignment that leaves your mission unfulfilled
- Examine the use of fair revenue streams that tap more into the wealthiest in Toronto

We are not alone in our elation with respect to IE 26.16: TransformTO - Critical Steps for Net Zero by 2040, and as such, we endorse the submissions made by others, in particular those made by:

- Toronto & York Region Labour Council
- Toronto Environmental Alliance
- Toronto Community Benefits Network

We look forward with great interest as TransformTO - Critical Steps for Net Zero by 2040 are achieved.

Respectfully,

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