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To: [Planning and Housing](#)
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Dear Planning & Housing Committee Chair Ana Bailão and Committee Members,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the letter and proposed motion from Councillors Mike Colle, Josh Matlow and Jaye Robinson that aims to activate the New Town Centre vision for the Canada Square lands produced by the Midtown Working Group. This vision is a once in a century legacy city-building opportunity on City-owned land, for what will soon be our second most significant transit hub – right in the middle of Toronto. It will provide sorely needed education, childcare, affordable housing, innovative jobs, cultural amenities, green space, and community services and facilities. I believe it is essential that the City endorse this vision and do everything possible to bring it to life.

The Midtown Working Group achieved unanimous support for this shared vision in a mere six weeks. It includes Councillors Colle, Matlow and Robinson; TDSB Trustees Rachel Chernos-Lin and Shelley Laskin, the Central Eglinton Community Centre, the Midtown Business Improvement Association, the Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations, and ten residents associations that cover the length and breadth of Midtown.

I hope you will vote in favour of this important city-building motion.

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