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Agenda for Prosperity

Additional comments from members of the Mayor's Economic Competitiveness Advisory Committee who are unable to attend today's news conference.

"Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the Economic Advisory Committee process and report. I commend the Mayor and the City for this initiative and was impressed by the commitment of all the participants both inside and outside of the City.

The final product struck a good balance between positive commentary and concepts and actual action items. Taken together, I believe it could materially help the City in attracting more business and creating a much more positive and helpful environment in which to conduct business and to compete.

I particularly liked the ideas around expanding the Mayor's offices to include an economic competitiveness adviser and treating economic development as an investment rather than an expenditure.

I hope and trust that the Mayor and Council will embrace this report and implement it in the weeks and months ahead."

Blake Hutcheson

Chairman and President, CB Richard Ellis Limited

"I am delighted to have been a part of the team. The Agenda is a distillation of meaningful ideas that reflect today's global reality that you can not dream of prosperity without economic well-being. Countries and cities need to cast their net far and wide and stretch beyond their own four walls and compete in the international marketplace. I believe the Agenda does justice in connecting Torontonians to the economic, cultural and societal touch-points."

Hari Panday

President and CEO, ICICI Bank Canada

"At the heart of the Agenda for Prosperity is a commitment both to fix and maintain the fundamentals of a productive city and a series of 'joint ventures' between the City and its partners – public and private – which takes forward the vision of our future."

Timothy R. Price

Chairman Funds Management, Brookfield Asset Management Inc.

"Using this Agenda to set a path for the future and identifying the actions that we can take together to transform our city, ensures that we build the future that we want for our city, not one that happens by accident. "

Lawrence M. Tanenbaum

Chairman and CEO, Kilmer Van Nostrand Co. Limited,
Chairman of the Board, Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Ltd.