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Mayor and Councillors,
Executive Committee,
c/o Frances Pritchard, Manager.

Re: EX1.3 and EX1.5

Dear Mayor and Members of the Executive Committee:

While I appreciate the proposals made to decrease both the Mayor's and Councillor's expense budget, I am sure the public is confused that the reductions are arbitrary and have no set expectation as to what the funds may be used for.

I have spoken to many Council colleagues who cannot understand why they are being asked to reduce their budget by 40% yet the Mayor has proposed to cut his own budget by just 20%. Perhaps these funds are needed, but there is no guideline from the Mayor on how he intends to spend this \$2 million.

While I have personally never spent over the proposed \$30,000, Councillor's budgets have fluctuated between wards over the years due to ward demands such as a community office space. I believe many Councillors will be willing to give this service up as long as the cuts are across the spectrum and they can continue to adequately communicate with their residents.

To make matters clear, I am asking that the Executive Committee request the Mayor to produce a budget in the next year by moving the following motion:

"The Executive Committee requests that the Mayor produce a proposed budget directly to Council for his \$2 million operating budget request."

I thank the Committee for its time and consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

Gloria Lindsay Luby,
Toronto City Councillor,
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