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Sent by email mayor_ford@toronto.ca

His Worship Mayor Rob Ford
Mayor of Toronto
Toronto, ON

Dear Mayor Ford,

Re: Item 9.10

Over the years hundreds of homeless youth have relied on the Eva's Phoenix shelter and training centre in downtown Toronto to make crucial, long term changes in their lives.

The CAW has supported the ground breaking work of Eva's Phoenix for many years because of the vital role it plays in helping large numbers of troubled youth in Toronto break the cycle of poverty, despair and street life.

This state of the art facility has attracted support not only from labour, but also from business, government and many volunteers. The generosity, co-operation and hard work from all these sectors of society are one of the great strengths of the Eva's model.

Plans to redevelop the site of Eva's Phoenix, including the youth training centre and the Phoenix Print shop to include a multi-tower condo development will ensure substantial revenue to the City of Toronto.

On behalf of the CAW's 200,000 members I want to urge the City of Toronto and Build Toronto to provide the funding needed to cover the full cost of the relocation of this award winning shelter.

Respectfully,

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National President

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cc: Government Management Committee (gmc@toronto.ca)