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**RE: City Council Meeting 37, July 16,17: EY 25.15 Final Report - Mimico-by-the-Lake  
Secondary Plan**

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

This is to express the concern of the Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) regarding the Community Council recommendation to City Council that the above noted plan be approved in its current form.

The Mimico waterfront and back shore lands are a unique asset to the whole city, with views of downtown that are not replicated anywhere else. Surely we have learned by now that the Toronto waterfront needs to be treated in the context of the city as a whole, and planning needs to be well-done, and not result in lines of tall towers along the waterfront. Despite years of planning effort, it is evident that there is still little confidence on the part of residents that the Secondary Plan serves the public interest.

Waterfront Toronto has proved itself as a capable planner and manager of the central waterfront resources, and we would suggest an independent design review be conducted through Waterfront Toronto. The focus should be on reducing heights and densities that may set dangerous precedents for all Toronto neighbourhoods.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments; we hope that Council will give the Plan a sober second look.

Yours truly,

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