

June 28th, 2013

Executive Committee City of Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

RE: Executive Committee Agenda Item EX 33.22, July 3rd, 2013

Dear Executive Committee Members,

I am writing to inform you that the Clean Air Partnership supports the recommendations to implement the proposed Residential Energy Retrofit Pilot Program. This Program is an excellent example of the synergies that exists between many green policies and economic development opportunities. Not only will this Program build the local Toronto energy efficiency market, but it will also serve as an example to follow for many other municipalities across Ontario. The ability to build this market will be greatly expanded if similar program are undertaken in a greater and greater number of municipalities across the GTA Region. This will result in reduced energy and water costs for residents; protect them from likely future energy price increases; and enable them to retain those dollars and possibly spend those dollars in a way that can provide greater benefits to the local economy than energy purchases provide.

The Clean Air Partnership commends the City of Toronto's efforts to implement this very innovative program and serve as a Regional leader in capturing green policy and green economic development synergies.

Sincerely,

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