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To the Planning and Growth Committee,

Located at 374 Royal York Road, SanRemo Bakery has been a proud member of the Mimico community since 1969. As an active member of the Mimico Village Business Improvement we were shocked to hear that the City's Planning and Growth Management Committee had passed a motion asking the Chief Planner to look into relocating the Mimico GO station.

The Mimico GO station provides a vital transit link to a well-established and growing community. Removing transit seems counterproductive to the City's efforts to renew and spur investment in the immediate area. While we agree that better transit connections are required in South Etobicoke we find it incomprehensible that removing a GO station would be positive for Mimico. Further, we were disappointed that local stakeholders were not contacted for input prior to the motion's introduction. The removal of such a vital transportation hub would directly affect not only SanRemo's business, but other businesses in the Mimico area as well. Many of the small businesses in Mimico rely on GO-Train commuters as a part of their target market reach, including ourselves.

The removal of the Mimico GO station will not only hinder business in the area, but significantly make the commute of Mimico residents more difficult. Some of our workers take the GO train to work and this would affect them directly. Also we have noticed the amount of students that travel to the Etobicoke School of the Arts by GO train, as they frequent our café in the evening. Many of these students travel from around the GTA and it wouldn't be fair to abrupt their commute in such a dramatic way.

As the primary stakeholders in the relocation of the Mimico GO station, being the residents and businesses in Mimico, we ask that the Planning and Growth committee correct this error in judgment and move to support the Mimico Community.

Should you have any concerns or would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

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