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Chair and Members
Planning and Growth Management Committee
City of Toronto

Re: Official Plan and Municipal Comprehensive Reviews- 4646 Dufferin Street

Dear Members of Council and Members of the Planning and Growth Management Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposal to convert 4646 Dufferin Street from an exclusive Employment Area to a Mixed Use Area to facilitate the provision of a medical/office/residential complex.

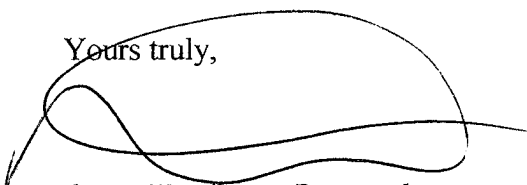
As you know, I represent Ward 10, York Centre. Like many other parts of Toronto, we have one of the highest percentage of seniors in our local community. This city-wide trend toward an aging population is undeniable.

With over 85,000 people on the city's waiting list for affordable housing, it is vital that we embrace new initiatives by building affordable condominiums for seniors along with low market rent housing. This housing is an expanded philosophy that allows seniors to live independently for as long as possible, receive timely medical care, access services in their language, live across the street from a major park and to live with dignity. The City of Toronto Seniors Strategy adopted by Council in May 2013 states that, "Housing is necessary to the health, economic security and well being of older Torontonians. Integrated housing and homelessness programs, policies and services that support aging at home and in place is important for ensure fair and respectful treatment for lower-income Torontonians."

If approved, this plan of urban visioning will result on a single site - within the context of a continuum of care - inclusive of independent living residences, assisted living residences supported by a grouping of medical support personnel intended to include a wide range of health professionals such as physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, physical and occupational rehabilitation therapists, dieticians, and recreational activities leaders, as well as social workers and home care workers. If approved, this project will create hundreds of jobs in health care and related services.

I believe that this project is vital for the area. It will provide affordable housing, employment opportunities and adheres to policies adopted by City Council through our Seniors Strategy.

Yours truly,



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