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To the members of City Council
City of Toronto:

Re: Item EY35.12, Request for Direction Report, 2800 Bloor Street West

We are writing on behalf of the Mimico Lakeshore Network, an umbrella organization that brings together eleven different community groups that share concerns about development in Mimico and its environs.

We object in the strongest terms to recommendation of Etobicoke-York Community Council to allow the demolition of the residential building at 2800 Bloor Street West, with ten residential rental housing units, and its replacement with a building containing only three rental units, in return for a contribution of \$200,000 to the City of Toronto Affordable Housing Fund and \$50,000 for local improvements. (Recommendations 2 and 3 d.)

This is an arbitrary and unwarranted weakening of the City's rental replacement policy for residential buildings. It is also an insult to the planning staff who recommended refusal of the Zoning By-law Amendment application and the Rental Housing Demolition application, citing the obvious fact that granting these applications would be contrary to the Official Plan policies with respect to housing. We wish to express our support of the recommendations put forward in the staff report to be found at the following link:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-72075.pdf>

The property at 2800 Bloor Street West is not in the neighbourhood that is our particular concern; yet the recommendation of Etobicoke-York Community Council, if accepted, would set a significant and unwelcome precedent that might be applied to Mimico or to any other area of the city.

For these reasons we strongly urge City Council not to adopt the recommendation of Etobicoke-York Community Council. In the journey towards overcoming the shortage of affordable housing in Toronto, this would be a step backward that could presage more and bigger steps backward.

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