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To the members of Etobicoke-York Community Council:

We are writing on behalf of the Mimico Lakeshore Network, an umbrella group that brings together eleven different community organizations that have concerns relating to the development of Mimico.

In October of 2013 the Mimico Lakeshore Network expressed support for the renewal project that would turn the much loved Mimico landmark, Wesley Mimico United Church, into Wesley Mimico Place. Now that the plans have been refined and enhanced, in response to the concerns raised in the course of consideration by the city planning department and the Toronto Preservation Board, we wish to reaffirm our support for this undertaking. It has been the shared purpose our member organizations to promote the building of a *community*, rather than merely adding to the housing stock. The new Wesley Mimico Place will be most welcome to all those who have the building of community at the centre of their values.

Wesley Mimico Place will contribute to the building of community by enabling the continuation of a vital worshipping community, by carrying on the tradition of valuable social service, by providing housing for middle-income seniors in a setting that furnishes fellowship and communal activity, by adding new recreational facilities and space for community activities that are very much needed in Mimico, and finally, by preserving a beautiful heritage building whose future would otherwise be in doubt.

We urge our Community Council to endorse the proposal that is to come before the meeting of June 17, 2014, and recommend its adoption by City Council.

For the Mimico Lakeshore Network,

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