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TO: Mayor John Tory
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York Quay Neighbourhood Association (YQNA) represents residents on the Central Waterfront between Yonge and Rees Sts.

City Council faces an important decision on the future of the Gardiner east of Jarvis Street -- remove it and replace it with an 8-lane Boulevard, or rebuild and expand a "Hybrid" elevated expressway.

YQNA urges City Council to vote for the Boulevard. It would save the city around \$500 million and open 12 acres of land for a vibrant mixed-use area. The Keating Channel would be edged by parks and public spaces and no longer be in the shadow of the Gardiner.

Detailed studies have established that the "Hybrid" choice will increase travel times only very slightly (52 seconds) for a small number of motorists. Yet the benefits of the Boulevard are huge.

Successful cities around the world have been revitalized by removing elevated expressways -- New York, San Francisco and Boston. This is our opportunity to join them.

Yours Truly,

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