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Honorable City Council  
City of Toronto by email  
Toronto, Canada

Re: Resolution MM8.1

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is written to support the Resolution MM8.1 before you for consideration in a few days. We do hope you will see the wisdom of protecting the 250-year-old Red Oak tree within your jurisdiction.

California Wildlife Foundation/California Oaks works diligently to protect and perpetuate California's oak woodlands and oak forested lands because of their importance toward achieving climate stability, sustainable wildlife habitat, healthy watersheds, and clean air.

Every tree matters to the wildlife that depend on them for sustenance and nesting sites. You have in your midst a magnificent specimen that any urban city would envy. The payback for residents and wildlife alike in conserving this beautiful specimen will be enormous. In parts of California, a tree of this size and stature would add at least \$100,000 to the value of a property.

To that end, on behalf of the members of CWF/California Oaks, I urge you to do everything in your power to enhance your urban forest by taking positive actions on behalf of your citizens and protecting this special tree.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [jcobb@californiawildlifeoundation.org](mailto:jcobb@californiawildlifeoundation.org), or on my direct line, 510-763-0211, if I can help you with your decision in any way.

Thank you for your consideration and conservation leadership. Your voters will be proud of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Cobb". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Janet S. Cobb, Executive Officer