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Toronto and East York Community Council
2nd Floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attention: Rosalind Dyers, Committee Administrator
Re: Item TEYCC10.7

via email: teycc@toronto.ca

Dear Councillors,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in support of the proposed Ryerson development at 270-288 Church Street. As Dean of the Faculty of Community Services, I'm looking forward to this proposed building, as it will bring together many of the programs and schools in my Faculty that are currently scattered across campus. This will create new and exciting opportunities for our students, faculty, staff and community to learn and innovate.

At Ryerson, we strive to provide our students and researchers with outstanding facilities so that they may achieve their full potential. The Church Street Development (CSD) at 270 - 288 Church Street is the latest addition to our campus and it will be a center of collaboration, innovation and shared learning. It will revitalize the intersection of Church and Dundas, creating a welcoming center for our students and community partners. The mixed use building will be the new home of:

- The Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing;
- The Midwifery Education Program;
- The School of Nutrition and
- The School of Occupational and Public Health

In addition to bringing our students and researchers together, the CSD will feature new clinical experience suites, large classrooms, lecture halls and nursing labs designed to imitate real health care practices. We are excited to bring all of our health sciences students and researchers under one roof; creating opportunities for interaction and collaboration between their fields of study and with our downtown community.

Ryerson has a very special relationship with our many neighbours including clinical placements for nurses at over 35 hospitals including St. Michael's, Mount Sinai, University Health Network and SickKids. It is through these partnerships that Ryerson students gain real-life experiences, entering their professional careers with applicable knowledge and confidence.

This fall we will welcome over 38,000 students to Ryerson and our enrolment numbers are continuing to grow every year. Our students come from all over the world to complete career-centered programs that focus on multidisciplinary and experiential learning opportunities. Life at Ryerson is about creating opportunities for our community to interact, collaborate and excel so that we can make a difference in this world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Usha George'.

Usha George, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean
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