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Subject: Proposed cuts on Meals on Wheels production by Home for the Aged
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Dear members of the Budget Committee,

Attached please find the copy of the letters sent to our Councillor Janet Davis and Mary Margaret McMahon regarding the proposed cuts on the meals on Wheels production by the City run Home for the Aged. This is for your review and further consideration. This is a very important issue as it will directly affect the access of quality food for the vulnerable seniors and disabled adults in the community.

Respectfully,

Hasina Quader

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January 10, 2017

Janet Davis
City Councillor, Beaches East York
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Dear Councilor Davis,

Happy New Year from True Davidson Meals on Wheels, a program of “The Neighbourhood Group”.

I am writing to you today to express our concern about the proposed cancellation of food production by Homes for the Aged in Toronto. An excerpt from the proposed budget change is as follows:

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As noted above, the City feels that the savings from this cut will be significant. A partner agency (Trans Care in Scarborough), which is also a recipient of meals from the Toronto Homes for The Aged, has made the calculations and the real savings to the City by eliminating this vital service will be more in the range of \$100,000. It would be sad to think that so many seniors' lives would be impacted so negatively across the City of Toronto for only a small savings.

As you are well aware, True Davidson Meals on Wheels has been a partner with True Davidson Acres since 1973. We currently serve over 300 seniors in our community each year, delivering over 29,000 meals in the East York and Beach community. Our service provides seniors and people with disabilities with a hot nutritious meal delivered right to their door at an affordable cost. The volunteer also does a quick security check to ensure the client's wellbeing.



We feel strongly that seniors should be able to have the supports they need to remain healthy and independent in their own homes and communities. The seniors we are serving today have worked and contributed to the City of Toronto their whole lives and deserve better. Taking away client's access to affordable nutrition is a very short sighted decision that will result in more ER visits and earlier admissions into long term care facilities, resulting in much higher costs to the City of Toronto in the long run.

I look forward to your response and I would be pleased to discuss this with you in more detail at your convenience.

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cc. Mary Christie, Chair, The Neighbourhood Group
Elizabeth Forestell, Executive Director, The Neighbourhood Group



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