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October 31, 2017

To: Members of Toronto City Council

Re: Appointment of Mike Creek as Interim City Councillor for Ward 28

We write to you to endorse Mike Creek as our recommended choice for a Ward 28 leader excellently suited to serve as Interim City Councillor for the remainder of Pam McConnell's term.

We are representative of people who have resided and worked in this community to make it livable and welcoming to everyone. We know Mike and his many contributions and we are convinced that Mike will give us the type of leadership that the community needs to ensure Pam's important works in progress keep on track through the end of this Council term. We are especially happy to support his candidacy because he understands issues and projects important to our communities and he has a style that will work very well with stakeholders across the ward.

You will likely have read by now Mike's letter to you in which he describes the breadth and depth of the background he will bring to the role – his family and personal roots in the community, his service and advocacy work in the mental health, disability employment, homelessness, equity and poverty reduction fields, his consultation and advisory roles with municipal, provincial and federal governments, and his service on a range of boards of organizations focussed on improving the conditions to make lives better in Toronto and beyond.

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We have seen his approach and the many contributions he has made over the years. His collaborative style is resonant of the approach that exemplified Pam's leadership over the years. He draws on the lived experience he has had in the past with health and poverty challenges, and he does this in ways that engage people of diverse backgrounds and interests. We know that this approach will work very well in our community and in representing our community at City Hall.

As Director of Strategic Initiatives with Working for Change, Mike works daily with other agencies and various orders of government in developing and implementing innovative programs and services for vulnerable individuals in our community. His success in this is embedded in his optimism, his energy, his respectful style and his constant awareness of the dignity of those he helps through his daily work.

Toronto Centre Rosedale is very fortunate to have such a person willing to serve in this interim appointment. We have so many key projects planned and under way in our Ward that need steady political support and advocacy. For this interim role, we need someone motivated to move these projects along because they are so important to the community and not for any longer term personal political agenda. Mike Creek is the right person for this job.

Thank you for considering our recommendation as you make this important decision.

On behalf of the PARC Board of Directors,



Peter Hoag,
Co-Chair of the PARC board



James Partanen,
Co-Chair of the PARC board