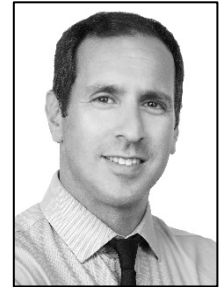


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Chair and Members
Community Development and Recreation Committee
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Chair and Members,

Re: CD22.5 Toronto Seniors Forum: Making Things Happen

I'm writing to support City staff recommendations for item CD22.5, Toronto Seniors Forum: Making Things Happen.

As Toronto's Seniors Advocate, I've had the privilege and great pleasure to work closely with the Toronto Seniors Forum (TSF). These passionate and dedicated volunteers, who reflect our city's diversity, contribute valuable experience, expertise and advice to City Council. They have also played an integral role in the development of our Toronto Seniors Strategy. As the advisory body to Council on seniors' issues, I expect you will see TSF members making deputations at committees when seniors' priorities are considered, and reaching out to councillors' offices, when necessary, to provide guidance.

It is long overdue that the work the TSF is already doing be formally acknowledged by City Council and be provided the official status these hard-working members have earned.

Sincerely,

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