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Toronto City Council
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Mayor Tory, Executive Committee Members and City Councillors:

Established in 2008, the Good Jobs for All Coalition (GJFA) is a community / labour alliance founded on a platform of Jobs, Equity, and the Environment. Through its charter declaration, GJFA seeks progressive resolution to the continued erosion of middle income jobs, increasing poverty, and environmental decline. We welcome the leadership of the City in taking the bold steps necessary to confront the above mentioned social issues by developing strategies that are implementable and could lead to real change.

We applaud Toronto City Council for adopting the TOProsperity and TransformTO plans which prioritize actions to tackle the biggest challenges that currently face our City: poverty and climate change. The full implementation of both of these plans will allow us to build strong, equitable communities that are more resilient in the face of climate change.

However for these strategic plans to be implemented and realized they must be underpinned by adequate financial resources. *Funding these social justice programs is not optional - it is a necessity.* The 2018 draft budget put forward by City staff, and signed off by the Mayor, does not include money for social spending on critical matters such as the environment, anti-racism, reconciliation and poverty reduction.

We request to see full funding and immediate implementation of the TransformTO and TOProsperity plans as part of the 2018 Budget. The City cannot choose between tackling poverty and tackling climate change, as the two are closely linked. Furthermore the City cannot ignore racism, gender equity and Aboriginal affairs. If we aspire to live by our motto 'Diversity Our Strength' we must implement strategies that include everyone.

The "All" in Good Jobs for All is our commitment to the advancement of a city where all Torontonians can live in a sustainable environment where the attainment of good jobs, inclusion and full participation in civic society is unhindered. It is our hope that Toronto City Council will be equally intentional in finalizing a budget that supports this vision.

We look forward with great interest as the budgetary process unfolds.

Respectfully,

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Carolyn Egan & Tam Goossen, Good Jobs for All Coalition Co-Chairs

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