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Good morning,

The Toronto Community Benefits Network coalition would like to submit this additional letter for council. This is in addition to the 31 letters submitted by TCBN at Executive Committee last week.

Thanks,

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Mayor John Tory, Councillor Michael Ford and Councillor Vincent Crisanti

The Mount Dennis Community Association strongly supports the demand of residents in Wards 1 and 2, through the TCBN, for a legally-binding community benefits agreement for the Woodbine Casino Redevelopment Project. The community must have a seat at the bargaining table through its representative, the Toronto Community Benefits Network (TCBN).

We endorse TCBN's proposals for a comprehensive agreement providing for training, good jobs, local procurement and other opportunities for North Etobicoke and similar historically disadvantaged communities and equity-seeking groups in Toronto, as well as a fair share of casino revenues to support ongoing community programs. The agreement must include specific targets to be monitored by the City of Toronto and TCBN and achieved by the operator, Ontario Gaming GTA LP.

For more than a decade the people of North Etobicoke have urged that any casino or gaming expansion must provide real benefits to offset the strong concern within their neighbourhoods based on religious, moral, economic, policing, quality of life, health and welfare concerns about organized gambling. This has been the position of local residents and workers ever since CORD (now part of TCBN) was organized to respond to the proposed "Woodbine Live!" redevelopment. We support their commitment to seeing this promise realized.

TCBN has built a strong coalition of over 80 community and labour organizations and social enterprises. With CORD under its umbrella, TCBN has developed deep relationships in the Rexdale/North Etobicoke community and has a democratic process in place to ensure the voice of the community is heard. TCBN is also the only broadly-based organization in Toronto with the expertise and experience to negotiate on the community's behalf.

It is not too late for the City of Toronto, Ontario Gaming GTA and TCBN to reach an agreement that meets the needs of the Rexdale community while satisfying City Council's 21 conditions.

Please act now to ensure that TCBN has a seat at the table to negotiate and monitor a legally-binding Community Benefits Agreement on behalf of the people of Rexdale/North Etobicoke.

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cc: Toronto Community Benefits Network

"Working Together to Strengthen Mount Dennis"