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## TCBN celebrates progress toward a Community Benefits Agreement for Woodbine Casino, proposes key improvements

Work still to be done to clarify and improve accountability, address child care needs, and strengthen community and labour representation in the process.

Toronto, ON – Today, the City of Toronto released its report on the status of the Woodbine Casino expansion in meeting Toronto's 21 conditions for approval. The report will be considered at the April 17 Executive Committee meeting.

The community is optimistic that this report lays a strong foundation for a successful Community Benefits Agreement.

The Toronto Community Benefits Network is heartened that the City report reflects many of the community priorities that we have been advocating for over the last decade, including hard targets for local and equity hiring, and targets for local procurement.

"The Rexdale community has a lot to be proud of – this is a big step toward securing an agreement that can result in good jobs for local residents" said Rosemarie Powell, Executive Director of TCBN. "We will keep working to improve this agreement – it is essential that the community remains at the heart of all the decisions Council makes about this proposal."

While TCBN continues to review the report with its partners, three key areas have been identified for improvement:

- Creating clear accountability, reporting, and oversight mechanisms so that the public can be assured that jobs and investment will benefit the local community and equity seeking groups;
- 2. Securing supports for the community, such as child care for the casino workers, which will be key to successful local hiring; and
- Strengthening the community and labour representation on the various oversight committees, in order to build strong relationships and community engagement that will sustain this agreement over the long term.

TCBN will continue to engage with City, including sharing our views with Councillors at the Executive Committee next week, and providing recommendations for strengthening this agreement.

The Toronto Community Benefits Network is a coalition of over 80 member organizations which initiated the successful Community Benefits Agreement with Metrolinx for the Eglinton Crosstown transit project.

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#### **Woodbine Casino Expansion Community Benefits Proposal**

Community Benefits Agreements are a proven approach to development that creates an effective, transparent, fair and inclusive process that supports good jobs, job training and community benefits.

A decade ago, Rexdale's Community Organizing for Responsible Development (CORD) mobilized for local needs in a proposed major redevelopment at Woodbine. Although the project did not materialize, the experience set the stage for a community benefits movement. In 2014 the Toronto Community Benefits Network, a coalition of over 80 labour and community groups, negotiated the first CBA in Toronto. The agreement with Metrolinx provides needed careers in construction trades and professional occupations for the Eglinton Crosstown Transit Project.

In August 2017, Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) announced that it had selected Ontario Gaming GTA LP (a partnership between Great Canadian Gaming - 49%, Brookfield Business Partners - 49% and Clairvest Group - 2%) as the service provider for the existing slots and future casino at the Woodbine Racetrack in Rexdale. This project includes the development of a casino, restaurants/retail, a hotel, convention space and a theatre. This development project is an estimated value of \$1 Billion.

CORD has now joined TCBN to seek to secure a legally binding commitment with Ontario Gaming GTA LP for the construction and operation of the Woodbine Casino through a comprehensive Community Benefits Agreement. A proposal has been sent to the Ontario Gaming GTA LP partnership, which includes:

#### **Local Hiring Targets**

TCBN is looking to secure local hiring targets as part of this community benefits agreement. These targets include:

Construction - The Partnership shall commit to using unionized contractors to employ apprentices or journeypersons from historically disadvantaged communities and equity seeking groups to perform at minimum 10% of all trade or craft working hours, on a trade by trade basis.

Operations - The Partnership shall commit to ensuring that no fewer than 60% of full time equivalent employment for each part of the Project during the operations period, are held by local residents and/or persons from historically disadvantaged communities and equity seeking groups who may be recruited or hired under a program run by TCBN and/or its partners.

Hiring priority - shall be given to local area residents of the Etobicoke North area and then expanded to City of Toronto Neighbourhood Improvement Areas.

#### **Full Time Targets**

At least 40% of the total employees employed by Ontario Gaming GTA LP during the first two (2) years of operation of the Project shall work Full Time and at least 60% of the total employees employed by Ontario Gaming GTA LP shall work Full Time during all other years of operation of the Project.

Living Wage Provisions

The Living Wage for the first year of operations is defined is to be \$16 per hour if health insurance benefits are provided, or \$18.52 per hour if health insurance benefits are not provided.

#### **Workforce Development and Training Funding**

 Construction: Ontario Gaming GTA LP to contribute funds for high quality training, including apprenticeship, to ensure job readiness.

Operations: Ontario Gaming GTA LP agrees to support the Hospitality Workers
 Training Centre for high quality training for operational positions, to ensure job
 readiness.

#### Annual Revenue Contributions - Community Benefits

Annual revenue contributions will be made to support ongoing community programs highlighted below:

 Arts and Cultural Space - Free community access to suitable live event/venue facilities. This includes hosting an annual festival that highlights and showcases local community art and culture

 Post-Secondary Scholarships – For local area residents pursuing college, university and/or apprenticeship education

 Local Community Endowment Fund – TCBN will establish a Community Endowment Fund to support local initiatives and projects to be approved by the Community Benefits Steering Committee

 Mental Health Strategy - TCBN and its partners will develop a local mental health strategy to identify community and culturally appropriate mental health services in Etobicoke North and provide educational support for community members to access family support options and addictions counselling

 Child Care accommodations - Free child care accommodation for employees hired (including during any related training) through TCBN's community benefits program.

 Local Food Strategy – The Partnership agrees to work with TCBN and partners to create a local food strategy that is sustainable and which creates opportunities to address food insecurity in the community.

 Green Building Standards - The Partnership agrees to integrate climate change considerations into infrastructure planning to ensure environmental sustainability for this development, and to provide the necessary training for employees to perform their jobs in accordance with the development's green focus.

#### **Local Procurement Targets**

A Supply Chain Diversity Policy will create opportunities for local businesses and social enterprises to benefit from the proposed development and secure agreements that support both construction and operational requirements.



## **Letters of Support**

Acorn

**Building UP** 

**CAPG - Community Action Planning Group** 

Career Foundation

Carpenters Local 27

Delta Family Resource Centre

**Dixon Community Services** 

Dixon Hall

**Ernestines Women's Shelter** 

Good Jobs for All

**IBEW Local 353** 

Ironworkers

LiUNA Local 506

Martin Grove United Church

National African Integration and Family Association

Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council

OPSEU Local 562 (Humber College)

OSSTF District 12 (Teachers Unit)

**PSAC Local 533** 

Rexdale Community Health Centre

Rexdale Community Hub

SEIU Local 2

South Asian Women's Rights Organization

Springboard

The Neighbourhood Organization

Tides - Centre for Connected Communities

**UNITE HERE Local 75** 

Urban Alliance on Race Relations

Working for Change

Working Women Community Centre



To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

March 16th 2018

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Patricia Edwards
Chair – North Etobicoke ACORN



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Website: http://www.buildingup.ca/

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Marc Soberano

Executive Director Building Up



March 1, 2018

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Sincerely,	
Michelle Francis	Robert McElhinney
Co-chair CAPG	Co-chair CAPG



April 13, 2018

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

The Career Foundation strongly supports our community's demand 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).

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Sincerely,

Courtney McCann; Apprenticeship & Trades Coordinator

The Career Foundation

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Cc: Toronto Community Benefits Network



LOCAL 27

Via Email

March 15, 2018

Office of the Mayor City Hall, 2nd Floor 100 Queen St. W. Toronto, Ontario M5H2N2

Dear Mayor Tory:

Carpenters Local 27 strongly supports our community's demand 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).

Our union has been involved in city building for decades. As a member of TCBN we see the real opportunities to expand the diversity of the construction workforce while providing access to good careers and high skills to young people from local communities. We want to see this new development being built with skilled union tradespeople and properly registered apprentices.

Our track record speaks for itself and our commitment to creating career opportunities for youth thru programs such as, OYAP, CRAFT, CHOICE has a legacy of changed lives to our community.

We endorse TCBN's proposals for a comprehensive agreement providing for training, good jobs, local procurement and other opportunities for North Etobicoke and similar disadvantaged neighbourhoods 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.

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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.

Yours touly:

Mike Yorke, President

Carpenters and Allied Workers Local 27

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April 10th 2018

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

DELTA Family Resource Centre strongly supports the demand 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).

Our board is committed to local economic development; we therefore endorse TCBN's proposals for a comprehensive agreement providing for training, good jobs, local procurement and other opportunities for North Etobicoke and similarly 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.

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Sincerely,

Kemi Jacobs

Executive Director

Cc: Toronto Community Benefits Network

Omar Warfa; Executive Director, Dixon Community Services 557 Dixon Rd, Suite 125, Etobicoke, ON, M9W 6K1

#### Dear Toronto CityCouncillors and Mayor John Tory

Dixon Community Services is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides crucial settlement services, including education, health and employment to immigrants, Refugees and new Canadians in the Dixon corridor

We strongly support our community's demand 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 (ICBN).

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Thank you for your support

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April 16, 2018

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

Dixon Hall strongly supports our community's demand 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).

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Cc: Toronto Community Benefits Network

Best Regards,

Haris Blentic

Director, Employment Services





Friday, April 13th, 2018

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

Ernestine's Women's Shelter strongly supports our community's demand 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).

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Ernestine's Women's Shelter has had a very strong and committed relationship with Woodbine Entertainment for many years. They have demonstrated with our agency their commitment to the community and my belief is that they value the communities involvement at all levels of the organization.

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Sincerely.

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April 12, 2018

Toronto City Council 100 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

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. GJFA strongly supports our community's demand 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).

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Yours truly,

Tam Goossen

Carolyn Egan and Tam Goossen, GJFA Co-Chairs



March 27, 2018

Mayor John Tory Councillors Ford and Crisanti 100 Queen St. West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Honourable Mayor and Councillors,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 353 strongly supports our community's demand 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).

Our union has been involved in city building for 115 years. As a member of TCBN we see the real opportunities to expand the diversity of the construction workforce while providing access to good careers and high skills to young people from local communities. We want to see this new development being built with skilled licensed union tradespeople and properly registered apprentices. Local 353 has and continues to be the largest apprenticeship trainers in the country with in excess of a 95% completion ratio.

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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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Respectfully,

Steven Martin

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

I.B.E.W. Local 353

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LUIZ BARROS President/ Business Agent





KEVIN BRYENTON Local Administrator IronWorkers Local 721, 909 Kipling Ave., Toronto, Ontario M8Z 5H3

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March 3rd, 2018

Office of the Mayor City Hall, 2nd Floor 100 Queen St. W. Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor John Tory,

The Ironworkers Local 721 supports our community's need 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).

Our Union is at Kipling and Bloor and has been involved in city building for decades. As a member of TCBN we see real opportunities to expand the diversity of the construction workforce while providing access to good careers and high skills to young people from local communities. We want to see this new development being built with skilled union tradespeople and properly registered apprentices.

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Yours fraternally,

Marc Arsenault

Business Manager, Local 721

Cc: Councillor Ford



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CARMEN PRINCIPATO
BUSINESS MANAGER

# LiUNA! Local 506

March 2, 2018

Sent via email and regular mail

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Dear Mayor Tory:

LiUNA Local 506 strongly supports our community's demand 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).

Our union has been involved in city building for decades. As a member of TCBN we see the real opportunities to expand the diversity of the construction workforce while providing access to good careers and high skills to young people from local communities. We want to see this new development being built with skilled union tradespeople and properly registered apprentices.

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I remain,

Yours truly,

Carmen Principato Business Manager



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WHERE WORSHIP LEADS TO SERVICE

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councilors Ford and Crisanti,

Martin Grove United Church strongly supports our community's demand 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).

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Sincerely.

Rev. Dr. Paul Shepherd

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Minister

Martin Grove United Church

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To: Whom It May Concern:

The National African Integration and Families Association (NAIFA) strongly supports our community demand 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).

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Nathan Okonta

**Program Director** 

NAIFA



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### ONTARIO SIKHS AND GURDWARA COUNCIL (OSGC)

905 Middlefield Rd, Scarborough ON, M1V 4X1 Canada A non-profit social, cultural and religious umbrella body of Sikhs and Gurdwaras Registration No: 1607978 Revenue Canada No: 85971 3877 RC0001 (Non-Profit Organization)

April 7, 2018

Mayor John Tory and City Councillors,

Ontario Sikhs & Gurudwaras Council has deep reservations about the location of a casino in North Etobicoke. These are based not only on our religious principles, but also on moral, economic, policing, quality of life, and health concerns about organized gambling.

However, if the Ontario government and City of Toronto are going forward to place a casino here, we support the community's demand 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).

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Sincerely

Gobinder Singh Randhawa Chairman His Worship Mayor John Tory, City of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

College faculty at Humber College work every day to provide opportunities for students to learn the skills needed to build a better life. We are also residents and union members who care about the quality of jobs in our economy and our community. College students typically live in the college's catchment area. The majority of our students live and will work in our area of the city. We support our community's demand 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).

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> Bob Bolf Faculty, The Business School President, Humber Faculty Union **OPSEU Local 562**

Phone: 416-675-6622 x 4601



March 26, 2018

Via Email to councillor ford@toronto.ca and Regular Mail

Councillor Michael Ford City Councillor of Ward 2 Etobicoke North Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Suite C40 Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Ford:

Toronto OSSTF represents thousands of high school teachers and education professionals who work every day to provide opportunities for students to learn the skills needed to build a better life. We want to see those who graduate from our schools find quality jobs in our economy and our community. We know how hard it is for parents who work multiple poverty-wage jobs to attend to all the demands of family life, and why good jobs matter in so many ways.

On behalf of my 7000-plus members, I am writing today in support the demand 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 high poverty neighbourhoods in Toronto, as well as a fair share of casino revenues to support ongoing programs for that community. We agree that 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.

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Sincerely,

Leslie Wolfe

President

Toronto Teachers' Bargaining Unit

**OSSTF** Toronto

cc: Mayor John Tory

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City Councillor & Deputy Mayor West Vincent Crisanti

John Cartwright, Co-Chair, Toronto Community Benefits Network

Rosemarie Powell, Executive Director (ex officio), Toronto Community Benefits Network

LW/ml



March 5, 2018

Dear Mayor John Tory

Our Local union PSAC 533 representing over 400 members at Casino Woodbine, strongly supports our community's demand 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).

Our union has been involved in representing workers at Woodbine for many years. As supporters of TCBN we see the real opportunities to ensure that the new jobs at the casino complex are high quality permanent positions that pay a family-supporting wage.

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Sincerely

(original signed by)

Theo Lagakos President PSAC Local 533





April 02, 2018

Mayor John Tori Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor, 100 Queen St. West, Toronto ON. M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor John Tori,

The Rexdale Community Health Centre (RCHC) endorses a legally binding community benefits agreement (CBA) for the Woodbine Casino Redevelopment Project. RCHC supports a comprehensive agreement, which provides for training, good jobs, local procurement and other opportunities for North Etobicoke residents. Our community members, in partnership with Toronto Community Benefit Network, request a seat at the bargaining table.

It is our position that a casino or gaming expansion must provide real benefits to offset the strong opposition within our neighbourhoods based on religious, moral, economic, policing, quality of life, health and welfare concerns about organized gambling. We remain deeply committed to this vision.

TCBN has built a strong coalition of over 80 community and labour organizations and social enterprises. In solidarity with the Community Organizing for Responsible Development (CORD), TCBN 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 organisation in Toronto with the expertise and experience to negotiate on the community's behalf.

We urge 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.





Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely;

Safia Ahmed

**Executive Director** 

Rexdale Community Health Centre



March 26, 2018

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

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Sincerely,

Amra Munawar Hub Director

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To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

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Tom Galivan

Secretary Treasurer/Director of Organizing





#### SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN'S RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

108-10Teesdale Place, Scarborough ON M1L 1K9 416.686.0701 sawro.office@amail.com

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

South Asian Women's Rights Organization strongly supports our community's demand 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).

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Cc: Toronto Community Benefits Network

Singerely,

Softana Jahangir Executive Director 647-857-9153

South Asian Women's Rights Organization

SUPPORT EMAIL SENT FROM SPRINGBOARD SERVICES TO MAYOR TORY APRIL 10, 218

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Sincerely,

Randall Terada

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#### TNO - THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ORGANIZATION

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April 13, 2018

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

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Cc: Toronto Community Benefits Network

Sincerely

Ahmed Hussein Executive Director

TNO-The Neighbourhood Organization

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To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillor Crisanti,

The Centre for Connected Communities (C3) is committed to helping bridge the growing gap between have and have not communities in the City of Toronto. In pursuit of the goal, we are strong supporters of integrating legally-binding community benefits agreements in any project in which public dollars are being invested. The Woodbine Casino Redevelopment Project is one such project.

Community Benefits agreements can take many forms, and, in order for them to be as effective as possible, they need to be crafted with the community. We, therefore, support the idea of the community must having a seat at the Woodbine Casino bargaining table through its representative, the Toronto Community Benefits Network (TCBN).

We endorse TCBN's proposals for Community Benefits Agreements that include comprehensive agreement providing for training, good jobs, local procurement and other opportunities for local communities and similarly historically disadvantaged communities and equity seeking groups in Toronto. These types of agreements are most effective when they include specific, compulsory, monitored targets.

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Sincerely,

Anne Gloger Principal, Centre for Connected Communities/East Scarborough Storefront

Cc: Toronto Community Benefits Network Councillor Paul Ainslie



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March 28, 2018

Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Michael Ford and Vincent Crisanti 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: Letter of Support for TCBN Woodbine

Dear Mayor Tory and City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

UNITEHERE Local 75 represents 8,000 hospitality workers in Toronto, including members at the Woodbine Racetrack facility. Over a decade ago we helped found CORD — Community Organizing for Responsible Development — to work with local residents to have a plan for local hiring and decent jobs at the proposed Woodbine Live project. We are building on that experience to work with the Toronto Community Benefits Network (TCBN) around our community's demand for a legally-binding community benefits agreement for the Woodbine Casino Redevelopment Project.

The community must have a seat at the bargaining table. Our union has been involved in representing workers at Woodbine for many years. As leaders of both CORD and TCBN we see the real opportunities to ensure that the new jobs at the casino complex are high quality permanent positions that pay a family-supporting wage.

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Sincerely,

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UNITE HERE Local 75



# **Urban Alliance On Race Relations**

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Charitable Registration 11928-0022-RR0001

March 15, 2018

To: City Councillors, local MPPs, local MPs:

The Urban Alliance on Race Relations (UARR) strongly supports our community's demand 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 disadvantaged neighbourhoods 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 TCBN and the City of Toronto and achieved by the Operator, Ontario Gaming GTA LP.

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Best,

Nigel Barriffe

President, Urban Alliance on Race Relations nigel@urbanalliance.ca

416 427 1192



# A HOME, A JOB, A FRIEND AND SOCIAL CHANGE

To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillor Michael Ford and City Councillor Vincent Crisanti,

Working for Change strongly supports our community's demand 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).

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## **Respectfully Yours**

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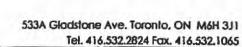
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To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

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Sincerely (on behalf of Working Women Community Centre),

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To: Mayor John Tory, City Councillors Ford and Crisanti,

Unifor Local 252 strongly supports our community's demand 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).

Our union has been involved in representing workers at Woodbine for many years. As supporters of TCBN we see the real opportunities to ensure that the new jobs at the casino complex are high quality permanent positions that pay a family-supporting wage.

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In Solidarity

President Unifor Local 252







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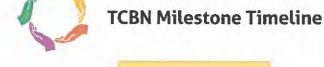
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- Build the platform for community to exercise its power to advance the community benefits movement in major infrastructure investments in the City.
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- Strengthen the organizational structure and develop the systems and resources to support the strategic directions and goals of the TCBN to deliver on Community Benefits.











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Neogtiated language on Community Benefits into the Crosstown RFP.

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