To Mayor John Tory and the members of City Council:

Mimico Lakeshore Community Network heartily endorses the stand taken by the fifty-five (now sixty-two) residents’ associations who called upon the City to provide funding for the offices of City Councillors that will be sufficient to maintain the level of service that the residents of Toronto have enjoyed in the past (Letter CC1.1.7). It is plain that with the number of councillors reduced to twenty-five, each representing a population equal to a sizeable city, the staff required by each councillor will need to be at least double what was allocated when there were forty-four councillors.

Cutting the level of service that citizens receive from the office of their local Councillor undermines the democratic governance of the city. It would be a false economy of the worst kind.

Mimico Lakeshore Community Network is an umbrella group that brings together seven different community organizations that have an interest in planning and civic affairs in the Etobicoke-Lakeshore area. Our member organizations are:

- Citizens Concerned about the Future of the Etobicoke Waterfront
- Etobicoke-Lakeshore Faith Community Leaders’ Network
- LAMP Community Health Centre
- Miles Road Residents
- Mimico Estates Tenants’ Association
- Norris Crescent Co-Op
- Ward 6 Community Action Team.

For the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network,

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