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Mayor and Members of City Council
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
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Re: Proposed Amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater
Golden Horseshoe, 2017 - Preliminary City Comments

Dear Mayor Tory and Council Members:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network, a coalition of seven South Etobicoke community organizations.

We are writing to you to express our support for the Planning and Housing Committee recommendations of the Proposed Amendments to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 - Preliminary City Comments.

We especially support the request to designate the Ontario Food Terminal as a Provincially Significant Employment Zone. Without a centrally located food terminal, we may see hundreds of small grocers (ma and pa shops) disappear from our neighbourhoods, a tremendous loss to our communities.

Why is the Food Terminal important?

- Provides A Competitive Market Place For Fresh Fruits and Vegetables To Be Sold In Ontario
- Provides A Competitive Source of Supply of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables In One Location Where Buyers Can Source Their Product and Supply Their Customers With Quality Produce At Competitive Prices
- Provides an Outlet For Ontario Growers to Sell Their Produce on a Wholesale Basis To the Over 5,000 Registered Buyers at the Terminal
- Provides the Opportunity for Independent Businesses to Compete with Larger Businesses that have Purchasing Power and Sourcing Capabilities That Are Not Possible For Smaller Businesses
- Provides the Opportunity for Both Sellers and Buyers to Determine What the Industry Currently Needs or Requires to Serve the Public

- Provides A Distribution Network That Supplies Produce to All Parts of Ontario and Further East Through to Newfoundland
- Provides Employment For All Persons Associated with the Industry, be they Farmers, Wholesalers, Buyers, Transportation and Service Industries That Employ Well Over 100,000. Source: <http://www.oftb.com/ontario-food-terminal-faqs>

Sincerely,

Martin Gerwin & Judith Rutledge
Mimico Lakeshore Community Network