



July 15, 2019

Mayor Tory and Members of City Council
City of Toronto
City Hall
100 Queen St West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: Downtown East Revitalization 5 Year Action Plan

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council:

On behalf of the University of Toronto, I am writing in support of Council efforts to address service gaps in the Downtown East Revitalization Area through a 5 year Action Plan.

Healthy and livable neighbourhoods are vital to a thriving city. The Downtown East Revitalization Area is facing a range of challenges affecting some of Toronto's most vulnerable residents and we support measures to enhance community safety, promote public health, and improve social and community services, and address housing shortages, among other challenges.

As Canada's leading academic institution, our faculty and divisions are engaged in a broad range of research initiatives that align both directly and indirectly with the work the City is contemplating undertaking as part of a robust strategy in Downtown East.

In addition to thousands of faculty and staff living in Toronto, the University of Toronto has 61,000 students attending at its downtown campus, including over 6,800 students that live in the Downtown East Revitalization Area. The Downtown East community is thus a truly important part of the U of T community. We welcome opportunities to engage further in supporting the City's work on this critical revitalization effort.

Sincerely,

Andrew Thomson
Chief of Government Relations

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