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TO,
The Executive Committee
Toronto City Hall
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Re: Don Mills Community Recreation Facility -----reference the item number, EX7.5.

I am writing to you today to offer the support of Afghan Women's Organization for the preferred option of an integrated Community Centre facility at the Wynford Green development site.

The City has recognized that the Dennis Timbrell Resource CC is not adequate to serve the 30,000 + residents of our community. The proposed 125,000 square foot Community Centre would offer a wide range of programs available year round and would be easily accessible to Flemingdon Park users. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to address deficiencies in recreation programming for a wide range of users. The City should be invested in creating the most value for taxpayer dollar. This investment should also recognize the need, under the Citywide Facility Masterplan, for necessary renovations to the DRTCC.

The alternate two-site proposal of a smaller 100,000 square foot facility at Don Mills and Eglinton and a 27,000 square feet community centre at Don Mills and The Donway would dilute the options available to all users. The smaller centre with a gym, running track and amenity space would certainly be convenient for residents within the area of The Donway and Don Mills, but the rest of the Don Mills community would still need to either drive or take transit to both centres.

The preferred proposal accommodates the most users, from the larger community of Don Mills and our community of Flemingdon Park, to accommodating the new density coming from development along the Eglinton Crosstown between Bayview and Don Mills.

We have actively engaged with residents to provide information about these options – inviting them to the community consultation and sending the Parks and Recreation comments form for them to submit with their preferences. The residents we have spoken to are, without exception, in favour of the integrated facility.

Please call on us as needed, and thank you for your time and energy to support our community.

Sincerely,

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