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*Neighbourhood Association*

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TO: Members of the Special Committee on Governance

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**RE: Review of City Governance**

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I strongly support the creation of 25 Resident-based Community Boards, one for each Ward, as described in detail by the Lakeshore Planning Council Corp. on their website:

<http://lakeshoreplanningcouncil.com/community-boards/>

I also strongly support the creation of a City of Toronto Planning Commission (CPC) consisting of a 9-member panel of independent planning experts, as described in detail by the Lakeshore Planning Council Corp. on their website:

<http://lakeshoreplanningcouncil.com/city-planning-commission-cpc/>

The first measure will ensure public consultation that is equitable, inclusive, transparent, consensus-oriented, effective and efficient, for residents, city staff and Councillors.

The second measure will also ensure fair and effective public consultation, but will also ensure independent, professional planning decisions for the city, while providing necessary oversight of planning staff activities and expert advice to Councillors. There will be no litigation, and no appeal of CPC decisions which will be final, unless over-ruled by two-thirds vote of City Council.

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We thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of my input as a resident of the City of Toronto.

Sincerely,

Lee Jacobson, Treasurer

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