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Toronto City Council
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Dear Councillors and Mayor Tory,

I represent the riding of Toronto Centre, which mirrors Councillor Wong-Tam's Ward 13.

It is of no surprise to you that the residents in the community of St. James Town North have had a challenging year. From the electrical fire that took place at 650 Parliament St. displacing close to 1,500 residents, to the floods and alarms that have taken place in adjacent buildings, the residents of St. James Town North continue to experience the daily squeeze of the housing crisis in the city.

My staff work with residents from St. James Town North weekly to help them with provincial matters: the Ontario Disability Support Program, the Landlord Tenant Board and the Ontario Student Assistance Program among others. St. James Town North is home to many vulnerable people: new immigrants, folks with language barriers, low-income and working-class people. The recent events in the neighbourhood have contributed to worsening life conditions for residents.

Many local organizations do excellent work in St. James Town North and provide services to the community. I am grateful for their expertise and wish they could have access to more resources to ameliorate their services.

I am aware that one of the tools available to Toronto City Council to indicate areas in need of support is the designation of Neighbourhood Improvement Areas. I strongly encourage Council to consider this option as it would make the lives of our constituents in St. James Town North better.



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With thanks,

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