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Dear Councilor Brad Bradford,

RE: In Support of the Main Street Planning Study

Even though there is a perception that the Main & Danforth area is far from the downtown, in reality, it is only 10-minutes away from Union Station by the GO train. And this short travel time will become even more significant with the implementation of the GO RER plans and the frequent all-day service that it will bring to the station.

With this in mind, I attended the **Main Street Planning Study** community consultation.

The Study addresses the major points that need to be carefully considered when planning for the future of our city: the public realm, built-form, connectivity, mix of uses, variety of residential unit types, and overall - ensuring livability.

I am not a resident of the Danforth, but I am a caring resident of Toronto and an architect, and I volunteer with various affordable housing programs. I am acutely aware that growth must be well-thought-out, and I believe that this is what the professionals behind the study have done.

I want to conclude by offering the following perspective: there are only six subway stations in our city that are adjacent to a GO station, and only a handful of those are so close to the downtown. I find it hard to believe that the public would argue that any other place that is only 10 minutes from Union Station would not be an appropriate place for growth.

Sincerely,
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