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Subject: Ward 22 Scarborough-Agincourt
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Dear Mayor Tory and City Councillors,

Please find attached a letter from the Stewardship Group of the Scarborough Civic Action Network (SCAN) concerning CC24.3 Declaring the Office of Councillor, Ward 22 - Scarborough Agincourt Vacant and Deciding the Method to Fill the Vacancy.

Sincerely,

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September 29, 2020

Mayor Tory and Toronto City Council
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RE: CC24.3 Declaring the Office of Councillor, Ward 22 - Scarborough Agincourt Vacant and Deciding the Method to Fill the Vacancy

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council:

On behalf of the Scarborough Civic Action Network (SCAN), a non-partisan network that aims to support civic engagement activities across Scarborough to address inequities, we are writing to urge you to choose the by-election option to fill the vacancy of city councillor for Ward 22 - Scarborough-Agincourt. SCAN believes the people who will be represented by this position ought to decide who their city councillor will be.

Furthermore, a by-election for Ward 22 must include a robust democratic process with inclusive, widespread community engagement.

SCAN urges a process guided by equity and inclusion. A by-election ought to ensure all eligible voters face no barriers in being informed about the electoral candidates and in electing their city councillor. As well, a by-election ought to strive to include everyone eligible to vote including people who might face exclusion or marginalization. We need to ensure that a by-election is designed to include the diversity of Scarborough-Agincourt which includes linguistic, socioeconomic, racial, faith, geographic, age, and ethnic diversity.

SCAN also encourages a by-election process that works with community leaders and community organizations including grassroots groups and draws on their expertise to ensure widespread outreach is done across Scarborough-Agincourt to strive for an inclusive, robust and meaningful process and to mitigate the challenges arising from the COVID-19 public health emergency. This will not only help to ensure a democratic process but it will also support better connection to municipal government and help foster civic inclusion.

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The SCAN Stewardship Group