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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the March 11, 2020 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2020.IE12.14, Right-turns-on-red in Toronto I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google. Comments:

To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee and Councillor Mike Layton From: The Avenue Road Safety Coalition **Subject: Response to Agenda Item IE12.14 Right-turns-on-red in Toronto (All wards)**

In response to the release of the Vision Zero 2.0 Road Safety Plan and the presentation for consideration at the Infrastructure and Environment Committee of Agenda Item IE12.14 on March 11th, 2020.

The Avenue Road Safety Coalition represents the ABC, Annex, Republic of Rathnelly and Cottingham Square Residents' Associations, the Deer Park Residents Group, De La Salle College "Oaklands", Brown and Cottingham Junior Public Schools and parent councils, the St. Clare's MultiFaith Housing Society, Walk Toronto and Cycle Toronto, Midtown.

The Avenue Road Safety Coalition was formed by these local residents' associations and parent councils to represent the concerns of our residents - the elderly, parents and children, pedestrians and cyclists and people with disabilities.

The Avenue Road Safety Coalition believes that the current road configurations and motor traffic speeds on our city roads will continue to contribute to collision, injury and death. The main objective of Vision Zero 2.0 is "to eliminate serious injury and fatal collisions and to provide further protection for vulnerable road users." We believe that geometric modifications to road design, reducing traffic speeds and strategies such as restricting right-turns-on-red would be effective ways of reducing collisions between drivers and Vulnerable Road Users.

Therefore the Avenue Road Safety Coalition supports the Infrastructure and Environment Committee - Agenda Item IE12.14 in restricting right-turns-on-red in the City of Toronto and hopes that the Infrastructure and Environment Committee will adopt this request to create a safer place to walk, cycle and live in the City of Toronto. Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of the Avenue Road Safety Coalition

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