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To whom it may concern--

Oakwood Vaughan Community Organization (OVCO) is a resident-based organization, intensely involved in several critical issues in our historically under-served community. Presently, we are focussed on issues of needed community services, economic viability, community safety, and affordability, and in particular the supply of affordable housing. OVCO is in support of the motion **Supporting Black-Owned and Operated Businesses and Preserving the Cultural Heritage of Eglinton Avenue West's "Little Jamaica**. Our community is witnessing the erosion of the rich cultural and economic basis of Eglinton West/ Little Jamaica. The devastation that is already happening is very upsetting for OVCO and many in our community. With the LRT construction process, the intense gentrification that will accelerate upon the completion of the Crosstown line, and the added impact of COVID, the decline of Eglinton West has been rapid. We are greatly heartened by the comprehensive and collaborative basis of this motion, including key aspects of the community in the planning and implementation.

We sincerely hope this motion will be supported by Council.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Worrell

Chair

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