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Councillor Ana Bailao and Committee Members,
Planning and Housing Committee,
10W - City Hall,
100 Queen Street West,
Toronto, Ontario,
M5H 2N2.

Attention: Ms. Nancy Martins

Dear Councillor Bailao and Committee Members:

Re: PH 19.3 – New User Fee for Employment Areas Conversion Requests

The Toronto Industry Network (TIN) is writing in support of the staff proposal to implement a fee for Employment conversion requests. While the fee is not likely to deter conversion requests, the review process and criteria outlined in the staff report will hopefully provide more rigorous testing of these conversion requests.

TIN continues to be concerned about the conversion of employment lands to other uses and the conflicts that occur with neighbouring industries when this happens. It is our position that manufacturing and the direct and indirect jobs that it provides is a critical part of our City's socio-economic fabric. The COVID pandemic has demonstrated the importance of making products here and the benefits of keeping Torontonians employed in a difficult economy.

TIN appreciated being consulted by Planning staff on this initiative and we thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Craig McLuckie,
President