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Toronto and East York Community Council City Hall, Committee Room 1 100 Queen St W Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Turn Restriction – Lower Jarvis Street and The Esplanade

There is no number of deaths or serious injuries on our streets that is acceptable. Each one is preventable. As a City, we must prioritize and accelerate measures to make our streets safe and accessible for all road users, especially vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists.

Following many conversations and safety walk conducted with the local residents' association, BIA, my office, and City staff from PF&R and Transportation Services, I am writing to recommend the prohibition of left turns from westbound The Esplanade to Lower Jarvis Street in the afternoon peak period. This will help to reduce aggressive driver behaviour, address a bottleneck affecting local TTC bus service and create a safer crosswalk for pedestrians.

Recommendation:

1. Toronto & East York Community Council prohibit left turns from westbound The Esplanade to southbound Lower Jarvis Street, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, bicycles excepted.

Sincerely,

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