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Councillor Gord Perks,
Chair, Toronto East York Community Council,
Toronto City Hall, 2nd Floor, West Tower,
100 Queen Street West,
TORONTO ON M5H 2N2

Re: Proposal for Ursula Franklin Street

Dear Councillor Perks and Community Council Members,

I am writing to you as Principal of Massey College in the University of Toronto to support the proposal to recognize the late Dr Ursula Franklin by re-naming a street in her honour on the university's St. George campus.

Dr. Franklin was an outstanding and much-loved Senior Fellow of Massey College for many years, a revered mentor of the College's students and a cherished intellectual figure in the university, the city and the country. A sculpture in her honour sits in the College's quadrangle and the College hosts the annual Ursula Franklin Forum on Science, Engineering and Society.

As you likely will be aware from other submissions, Dr. Franklin, a research physicist and metallurgist, taught at the university for 40 years, was appointed the university's first woman University Professor — the highest academic designation offered by the university in recognition of scholarly achievement — and received more than 20 honorary degrees from around the world. She was a Companion of the Order of Canada, a Member of the Order of Ontario, a recipient of the Award of Merit of the City of Toronto, one of the first recipients of Massey College's Adrienne Clarkson Laureateship for public service, a recipient of the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Person's Case for advancing the equality of girls and women in Canada and an inductee to the Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame. She delivered the CBC-Massey Lecture in 1989. She was a feminist, pacifist and distinguished public intellectual.

I am pleased, on behalf of my College and the members of its community, to endorse this proposal to permanently recognize her legacy.

Yours sincerely,



Nathalie Des Rosiers,
Principal,
Massey College

