

The Annex Residents' Association

Ana Bailão Chair, Planning and Housing Committee Toronto City Hall 100 Queen St West Toronto, ON

(Delivered via email: phc@toronto.ca and councilmeeting@toronto.ca)

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Dear Ana Bailão and PHC Members,

RE: PH25.7 – The Future of Yonge and Eglinton's Canada Square: Supporting Midtown Residents' Quality of Life

We are writing in strong support for the new Midtown Town Centre vision for the Canada Square site at Yonge and Eglinton developed by the Midtown Working Group and endorsed by Midtown Councillors Josh Matlow, Mike Colle and Jaye Robinson.

While we are in another area of the City, we strongly support good city-building initiatives across Toronto. This vision is a once-in-a-century legacy opportunity on City-owned land, for what will soon be the second most significant transit hub – right in the middle of Toronto.

The Town Centre will provide sorely needed education, childcare, affordable housing, innovative jobs, cultural amenities, green space, town square, and community services and facilities. We believe it is essential that the City endorse this vision and do everything possible to make it happen as soon as possible.

The Midtown Working Group achieved unanimous support for this shared vision in a mere six weeks. The group includes Councillors Colle, Matlow and Robinson; TDSB Trustees Rachel Chernos-Lin and Shelley Laskin, the Central Eglinton Community Centre, the Midtown Business Improvement Association, the Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations, ten residents' associations and other community members that cover the length and breadth of Midtown.

We fully endorse this initiative and we hope you will vote in favour of this important city-building motion.

Yours sincerely,

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