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Toronto City Council
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
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RE : MM31.27 - The Future of Yonge and Eglinton Canada Square

Members of the Council,

Volunteers from our **HousingNowTO.com** civic-tech and open-data project have closely following the city's various programs to deliver new affordable-housing on city-owned lands via CreateTO and other agencies.

As the Canada Square site is city-owned land leased via CreateTO, and the proponent Oxford Properties is 100% owned by OMERS – the pension-fund of Toronto City Hall employees – we are sure that Oxford would want to “lead by example” in delivering a strong affordable-housing component on this Yonge & Eglinton site

Given that this site is also at the intersection of the \$6.6-BILLION Eglinton Crosstown LRT and the Yonge Street subway, it is also critical that the height, density and built-form approved by council allows for the economy of scale required to deliver a substantial component of affordable-housing in this service rich neighbourhood.

If city council agrees to Councillor Matlow's motion to create a working-group, we would formally request that volunteers from our organization are included that process and all working-group meetings – to ensure that the working-group has a strong focus on the City's affordable-housing targets and is not dominated by local “Homeowners and Ratepayers” associations as has happened in previous meetings about this valuable city-owned land.

Our volunteers are always willing to share open and accurate data on affordable-housing with any City Councillor or community that requires it to help ensure your on-going success in meeting the City of Toronto's HOUSING 2030 approved targets.

Yours,

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