





May 4, 2021

His Worship John Tory, Mayor of Toronto and All Toronto City Councillors Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West, 13th Floor West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2 clerk@toronto.ca

Re: Oppose the dangerous consolidation of courthouses

Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Councillors:

We write in enthusiastic support of Councillors Pasternak's and Thompson's motion Accessing Justice – New Toronto Courthouses.

As organizations representing a diverse range of people providing justice services across the GTA, we are united in our strong opposition to the province's dangerous plan to consolidate justice services in Scarborough, Etobicoke, and North York at the New Toronto Courthouse at 11 Centre Avenue.

Our organizations have each written to the provincial government, urging it to abandon this consolidation before a large group of people are made to suffer, including justice participants, small business owners, and court workers.

We urge all Toronto City Councillors to join our campaign to stop this dangerous consolidation by voting in favour of Councillors Pasternak's and Thompson's motion.

We believe that similar objection from Toronto City Council – especially if it is unanimous – will help the provincial government make the right choice for workers, small business owners, and people living across the GTA.

Sincerely,

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