



November 5th, 2021

To Members of Toronto City Council,

We at North York Harvest Food Bank wholeheartedly support Councillor Colle's motion to City Council recommending access to space for the food bank program in Lawrence Heights. The Lawrence Heights Community Food Space has been continuously serving the community of Lawrence Heights and surrounding area since 2002. In that time the program has relocated seven times due to lack of permanent and appropriate space, and each move has resulted in a disruption in service for the community. The last location for the food bank program was as an outdoor pop-up service in the parking lot of the Lawrence Allen centre, an arrangement that came to an end October 31st. As of this moment there is no permitted site for the program, which acts as a critical service for over 2,000 individuals per month.

North York Harvest Food Bank urges members of Council to support Councillor Colle's motion to secure accessible, appropriate and safe space for our community members to access food supports. Without a site, the program will close.

With thanks,

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Ryan Noble
Executive Director