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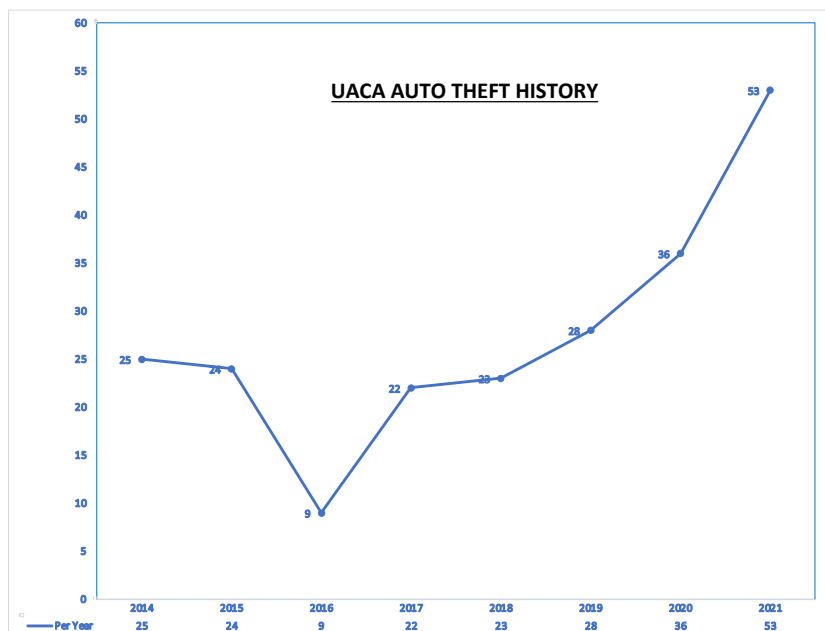


Councillors,  
City of Toronto

Subject: City of Toronto Council Meeting, December 15, 2021  
**Support of MM38.25 – Greater Action To Fight Auto Theft in Toronto**

The Upper Avenue Community Association (UACA) represents approximately 2800 households residing in the catchment area bounded by Wilson–Lawrence–Bathurst–Avenue Road. UACA is part of the City of Toronto Neighbourhood Bedford Park–Nortown. UACA would like to strongly express our support for Councillor Mike Colle’s **Motion 38.25 – Greater Action to Fight Auto Theft in Toronto**.

The UACA catchment area has experienced a staggering increase in auto theft in the past 7 years, with no end in sight. In 2021 alone, we have experienced a 55% increase in auto thefts over 2020.



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In the Fall of 2020, Toronto Police Service (TPS) implemented a cross-divisional team focused specifically on auto theft. UACA benefited from the excellent work done by TPS during this period. In October and November of 2020, there was a very notable drop in auto thefts however, the team was disbanded in January 2021 to work in other areas. Immediately thereafter, auto thefts resurged to the unprecedented levels they are today.

UACA believes that there needs to be a Toronto-wide TPS team re-created to work with the surrounding Regions, the OPP, the RCMP and the Canada Border Services Agency. Only with a holistic plan of attack and persistent enforcement action will the issue be brought under control.

Auto theft is not a victimless crime. It causes insurance rates to rise. It supports organised crime and money laundering which further victimises citizens both locally and around the world.

The Upper Avenue Community Association resoundingly supports Councillor Colle's motion MM38.25.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "France Rochette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "France" and last name "Rochette" clearly distinguishable.

France Rochette,  
Chair, UACA

Cc:

Councillor Mike Colle, Ward 8  
Robin Martin, MPP Eglinton-Lawrence  
Marco Mendicino, MP Eglinton-Lawrence