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To: Planning and Housing

Cc: Mayor Tory; Councillor Matlow; Councillor Colle8; Councillor Jaye Robinson; Chris Murray; Tracey Cook; Gregg

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

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Dear Chair, Ana Bailão, and PHC Members,

I am 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. This vision is a once-in-a-century legacy city-building opportunity on City-owned land, for what will soon be the second most significant transit hub – right in the middle of Toronto.

As a one-time resident of the area for the best part of a decade and a frequent visitor thereafter, I have witnessed the landscape change over time, and I hope that the next phase will be to the betterment of all in the community and beyond.

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

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.

I hope you will vote in favour of this important city-building motion, and I thank you in advance for your attention.

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