

October 17, 2021

10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Nancy Martins

RE: PH27.6 - The Future of Yonge and Eglinton's Canada Square: Supporting Midtown Existing and Future Residents' Quality of Life – Feasibility Review.

Dear Chair Ana Bailao and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

We encourage you to adopt the motion proposed by Midtown Councillors Matlow, Colle and Robinson.

The undersigned Midtown Working Group members, South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (SERRA), Quantum Owners & Residents Association (QuORA), Republic Residents' Association, Eglinton Park Residents' Association (EPRA), Stanley Knowles Housing Cooperative and Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) are pleased that the City Planning report has concluded that the community's Vision and 6 priorities for the Canada Square site are feasible within the existing planning framework and in the context of a development application. Furthermore, that the idea of a New Town Centre aligns with the existing policy of an Urban Growth Centre in the Growth Plan and a Centre in the Official Plan.

We appreciate how much effort City Planning together with the community and Oxford Properties Group have invested over the last few months to arrive at the conclusions in the report.

We agree that the most direct path towards realization of our Vision will entail constructive participation by Oxford and the Midtown Working Group, and that a review of the Oxford application should proceed.

The report identifies that active role involvement of various City divisions and other participants will be required to achieve our Vision. Our Councillors' motion requests this.

Midtown's significant and growing imbalance of housing stock and lack of sufficient green and open spaces, parks, community services, recreational facilities, schools and employment must be addressed.

Chair Bailao and Committee Members, we believe that your leadership is essential for the realization of creative, innovative solutions that ensure that the Canada Square site becomes a fully realized Midtown Town Centre and achieves its potential as a vibrant destination for all of Toronto.

Sincerely,

David Ticoll, President, QuORA
Andy Gort, President, SERRA
Geri Berholz, President, Republic RA
Tom Cohen, President, EPRA
Ann King, Chair, Community Liaison Committee, Stanley Knowles Housing Co-operative
Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chairs FoNTRA

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Councillor Josh Matlow, Ward 12
Councillor Mike Colle, Ward 8
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