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... and the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom

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May 31st, 2022

City Clerk's Office Marilyn Toft, Manager 100 Queen St. West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Attention:

Mayor Tory and Members of Council Toronto City Hall 100 Queen St. West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

<u>Re: Toronto City Council meeting of June 15th and 16th 2022:</u> <u>Planning and Housing Committee Item PH34.8 – Open Door 2021</u> <u>Call for Applications Results</u>

Dear Mayor Toronto and Members of City Council:

I am writing to thank the Planning and Housing Committee for recommending, as part of the Open Door 2021 Call for Applications Results, our project, Quilt on Weston, (1240,146,1250 Weston Rd.) for pre-development funding.

We also deeply appreciate Councilor Nunziata putting forward three amendments to the report that were approved by the Committee. Time and time again, Councillor Nunziata has been there to encourage and support the Mount Dennis community.

The Quilt project, not only represents 135 units of affordable housing, but also the weaving together of multiple partners offering supportive housing, along with program space that will continue to focus on community needs as they emerge, general community space to support a vibrant well connected neighbourhood, and a streetscape that will enhance Weston Rd in an inviting and innovative manner.

This is LEF. For over 40 years we have been internationally recognized for our integrated response to community economic development. It is the interplay of streetscape, affordable retail,

community space and programmatic space, along with much needed affordable housing, that will work together to make a significant difference in our community.

After acquiring the properties, LEF engaged Mount Dennis in community design sessions through which we were able to quickly affirm that the vision being put forward aligned directly with a long standing broad based community held vision.

I'm writing to ask your support at the upcoming June City Council meeting to approve the recommendations of the Planning Housing Committee and your joining us in sharing that long held vision, and the proven potential, of an integrated response to meeting the urgent needs of the Mount Dennis community.

We look forward to working closely with staff in the Etobicoke/York Planning Division and the Housing Secretariat to move from pre-development to construction and occupancy of this much needed community asset in Mount Dennis.

With deepest appreciation,

THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION

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Peter Frampton Executive Director