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Mayor and Members of City Council:

Re: City Council Meeting of February 2st and 3rd 2022 - Notice of Motion MM 39.14 to Provide a Loan Guarantee for Hugh's Room Live

These are trying times and I want to thank Members of Toronto City Council for your continued efforts and in your work to support the economic and social recovery of our city from the world-wide pandemic.

I am writing to ask you to support the Notice of Motion by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, to provide a loan guarantee to Hugh's Room Live to support the purchase of the historic church at 296 Broadview Avenue.

As a charity, Hugh's Room has a twenty-year legacy of supporting and enhancing culture in Toronto through supporting artists and presenting live music. The purchase of the building at 296 Broadview provides the opportunity for Hugh's Room Live to also contribute to the recovery of Toronto, while expanding its efforts to provide for a community focused cultural and music hub serving the local community and beyond.

In embarking on the mission to purchase and operate as a community hub at 296 Broadview Avenue Hugh's Room is committed to the principles of diversity and inclusion in its programming, while providing a new and vibrant venue to support a full range of teaching and community uses.

Thanking you in advance for your support and your efforts to rebuild a better and more prosperous city. Together we can turn on a light of hope for the future.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Iler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Iler".

Brian Iler, Chair, Hugh's Room for the Performing Arts Inc.