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Deputy Mayor  
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Development Committee  
Councillor, Scarborough Centre

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Planning & Housing Committee

**RE: My Support for Conversion Request #19, Montecassino Inc., 3710 Chesswood Drive**

Dear Planning & Housing Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for the conversion of the General Employment Area lands at 3710 Chesswood Drive to a Mixed Use Area designation. In my role as Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee, I believe that the proposed change will enable Montecassino Inc. to advance the development of a much-needed mixed use facility that is in keeping with the ongoing transition and future needs of the surrounding Downsview neighbourhood.

Montecassino's proposed development includes vital hotel-style living spaces for new immigrants to Canada, as well as approximately 700 affordable housing units. Both of these uses will have a direct positive impact on Toronto's critical affordable housing deficit.

Consequently, I urge the Committee to look favourably on Montecassino's proposal.

Yours truly,

Michael Thompson  
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