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Friday, March 25, 2022

**RE: ITEM PH32.8 - OUR PLAN TORONTO EMPLOYMENT AREA CONVERSION REQUESTS – PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENTS GROUP 3 (REQUEST #103 - 340-364 EVANS AVE. & 12-16 ARNOLD STREET)**

Dear Deputy Mayor Bailão & Committee Members,

New, high density residential development in South Etobicoke and across the City is spurring increased need for local employment and commercial opportunities. Currently, the need for innovation incubators, co-working spaces, and modern flexible office space for small businesses is not being met in South Etobicoke.

I have reviewed the proposal for the above-noted site and am encouraged by the significant increase in employment space, affordable housing, new public parkland, and the onsite daycare facility to support the combination of living and working spaces, which combined allow for the establishment of a complete mixed use community.

I encourage City staff to further review this proposal for a mixed use community on this site, while also securing employment space in each phase of development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Councillor Mark Grimes**  
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