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Executive Committee Agenda Item 2023.EX9.10 - Update on the Toronto Community Crisis Service and Proposed Expansion Plan https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.EX9.10

Dear Executive Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for making the Toronto Community Crisis Service a fourth emergency service across the city of Toronto. For the last year, this service has been available in part of my ward. It has done excellent work and has been strongly welcomed by the community.

The Community Crisis Service is greatly superior to relying on police for managing people with non-violent mental health issues. It saves the city money, while providing a better and more timely experience for those in crisis and for the general community around them. Relieving the police of nonemergency matters of this kind can allow them to refocus their resources on urgent matters of law-enforcement, where current response times are frequently inadequate.

Thank you for your support.

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