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Mayor John Tory
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Dear Mayor Tory,

We are writing to thank you for implementing the Yonge Complete Street Pilot between Bloor and Davisville, and to ask that you use your leadership to make it permanent. Finding more efficient, strategic, and sustainable uses for our streets is critical in our thriving city.

The RRA represents the interests of residents who live steps away from Yonge Street. As you know, we are seeing unprecedented development in our community and with it an influx of new residents. While this change is welcome, we know that it puts significant pressure on our infrastructure - especially our streets and sidewalks - and we must adapt accordingly.

There is no question that densification in the Yonge-Eglinton area is leading to a shift away from car travel in favour of public transit, cycling and walking. This is not lost on developers: most of the latest proposals offer two to three times more bike parking than car parking. In one recent application for a 50-storey building at 2350 Yonge Street, 323 residences are proposed with 325 bike spots and **0 car spots** – that means *no car parking at all!* A similar phenomenon can be found all along the Yonge corridor between Broadway and Bloor: developers recognize that a fundamental shift is taking place along the Yonge subway line. It is clear to them and to us that residents - and employees, shoppers and diners - are attracted to Midtown Toronto *because* it reduces dependence on the car. Younger Torontonians especially want environmentally-responsible, healthy and less expensive ways of getting around our wonderful city.

It is also evident from the Pilot data collected by the City. As the most recent City staff report on the Yonge pilot highlighted, since the redesign was implemented, pedestrian use along Yonge has increased by 126%, and bicycle use has increased by as much as 193%. The success of CafeTO is a major economic indicator that the Yonge Pilot has been a huge success. As you know it wasn't too long ago that Toronto saw similarly positive results on Bloor Street and Destination Danforth, now permanent installations.

Densification is the future of Toronto, and with it can come a *better* quality of life such as the one the Yonge Complete Street offers. Thank you again for your leadership in taking this transformational step. **You have our full support in making the Pilot permanent.**

Respectfully,

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