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Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: MM8.4 Protecting the Science Centre to Support Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park

To Whom it May Concern:

The Thorncliffe Park – Flemingdon Park Tenants Network (TFTN) is a resident-led initiative to inform, educate, and engage renters about their rights and responsibilities as tenants to improve local quality of life and build community.

TFTN endorses MM8.4 Protecting the Science Centre to Support Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park.

Our members proudly support the Ontario Science Centre and want city council to explore all opportunities to keep it in operation at Don Mills and Eglinton.

We request Toronto city council to vote unanimously in favour of MM8.4 to send a strong message to the provincial government that the Science Centre matters to all the people of Toronto.

It's true, Flemingdon Park and Thorncliffe Park would be significantly injured by the loss of the Science Centre. Lost accessibility and lost educational opportunities for our children, lost jobs for local residents, and fewer visits to local restaurants and businesses, damaging our local economy.

But the Science Centre's closure will be a loss for all of our families. The province's replacement will be harder for everyone to visit, more expensive for all of us, and will offer far less educational programming to inspire all our children.

The provincial government's new science pavilion at Ontario Place will not include a planetarium, a living rainforest ecosystem, or the popular KidSpark zone, just to name a few. Will its Science School curriculum also be scrapped?

Finally, the province has confirmed there is not enough room for all the Science Centre's world-renowned exhibits at the new site. Most of the exhibits all of us love will be thrown in the garbage.

The cost to close the Science Centre is simply too high, for Flemingdon and Thorncliffe, for Toronto, and for Ontario.

Best Regards,

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