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Toronto and East York Community Council

Dear Members of the Council:

Re: Pedestrian Safety on Avenue Road – St. Clair Avenue West to Bloor Street West


This letter is being submitted on behalf of our law firm in support of the motion by Councillor Saxe scheduled for April 12, 2023 to improve pedestrian safety on Avenue Road between St. Clair Avenue West and Bloor Street West.

Our office is located on the west side of Avenue Road in the subject corridor between Chicora Avenue on the north and Pears Avenue on the south. The narrow sidewalk in our area is frequently used by our lawyers, our support staff, and our clients. Too often, motor vehicles go by at high speed and come dangerously close to lawful users of the sidewalk.

We ask for your help in creating a safe and healthy corridor by immediately reducing the speed limit from 50 kms/hour to 40 kms/hour and to take next steps in exploring options to widen the sidewalks and to make the entire corridor safer for vulnerable pedestrians. These safety measures should not involve a major overhaul of the road and its underground infrastructure.

Respectfully submitted,

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