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October 21, 2024

Councillor Alejandra Bravo
Chair, Economic and Community Development Committee
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Re: Sidewalks to Skylines: An Action Plan for Toronto's Economy (2025-2035)

Dear Councillor Bravo,

On behalf of the City of Toronto's 30,000 workers represented by CUPE Local 79 across every division, including Toronto Community Housing and the Toronto Seniors Housing Corporation, we commend the direction offered in the report that's in front of the Committee today.

There's no doubt that getting the basics right is essential to strengthening Toronto's economy. These basics must include investing in the City's own workforce—ensuring competitive wages and improving the working conditions of the skilled workers who keep the City running.

After a decade of underfunding, the City is in dire need of leadership.

For Local 79, many of the issues our members have raised align with the report, including:

- Addressing the state of good repair in City buildings;
- Solving the housing affordability and homelessness crisis, which affects City workers just as much as the general public;
- Filling vacancies across our divisions.

Tackling congestion is also a key part of the solution, and we welcome the addition of extra resources to Transportation Services to support this effort.

We look forward to the report's implementation and hope it leads to additional staff resources being allocated to the divisions identified.

With thanks,

Nas Yadollahi

President
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