PETITION TO REVISE TRANSPORTATION PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED DOWNSVIEW LANDS RE-DEVELOPMENT TO LIMIT NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO THE ANCASTER COMMUNITY

To: Mayor Olivia Chow

Councillor James Pasternak (Ward 6, York Centre)

Mr. Gregg Lintern (Toronto Chief Planner, Executive Director, Planning Division)

We, the undersigned residents of the Ancaster Community (*) are against:

- 1. Extending Dufferin Street from Katherine Road north to Sheppard Avenue West, and
- 2. Extending and/or opening any existing dead-end roads in our community to provide access for the Downsview Lands Re-development.

The residents of the Ancaster Community have for many decades enjoyed living and raising their families in a safe, peaceful neighbourhood that is insulated from outside traffic, noise and pollution given its location and existing traffic restrictions.

Unfortunately, the proposed transportation plans for the re-development will inevitably change the character of our family-oriented community by increasing safety risks for children, pedestrians and cyclists; increasing noise, air pollution and traffic congestion in and around the community; disrupting the key access route at Dufferin Street via Regent Road and Katherine Road; and potentially impacting residential properties.

Therefore, we the undersigned residents of the Ancaster Community request the following:

- 1. Halt the proposed Dufferin Street extension and include only one major North-South roadway for the proposed transportation plans, e.g., the proposed extension to Billy Rishop Way. Alternatively, initiate a community planning and consultation process for developing a modified road alignment to the proposed Dufferin Street extension that is an acceptable distance away from the Ancaster Community and connects with Wilson Avenue east of the Dufferin and Wilson intersection.
- 2. **Disallow** any current or future plans for opening any dead-end roads (e.g., Home Road) or extending any local roads (e.g., Ancaster Road) within the Ancaster Community for vehicular access to the proposed redevelopment (access for cyclists and pedestrians is acceptable).
- 3. **Retain** the three roadways (Murray Road, Garratt Road, and Beffort-Hannover Roads) currently designated for use by Bombardier as the only access routes from the Ancaster Community to the proposed Hangar District. In addition, implement preventative measures to limit speed and traffic on these roadways.
 - (*) The Ancaster Community is defined as the Toronto neighbourhood bounded by Wilson Avenue to the south, GO/railway line to the west, the Bombardier facility to the north and Dufferin Street/Beffort-Hannover Roads to the east.

Petition from Mauricio Nieto, with approximately
633 signatures. On file with the City Clerk.