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To begin, I want to thank my colleagues on City Council for their commitment and collaboration on our shared vision of a safer, more caring and more affordable city. Together, we are building more housing, investing in transit to get people moving and working to make life more affordable through school lunches, freezing transit fares and protecting renters.

As we begin the second half of the term, I have had the pleasure of speaking with many Councillors about how you see yourself contributing to our shared work. I am making the attached recommendations to the Striking Committee for appointments to committees and boards. I know each Councillor will bring their best ideas and the spirit of collaboration to the service of their committees and the people of Toronto.

Further, I am also very grateful to Councillors who have agreed to take on new roles to address some of the most pressing challenges facing our city.

As my Affordable Housing Delivery Champion, Councillor Paula Fletcher will lead the tough work to expedite the building of affordable housing through chairing a Mayor's Table on Affordable Housing Delivery. We've made important investments, and now it's time to get these priority projects across the finish line as quickly as possible.

Deputy Mayor Amber Morley will be Toronto's Youth Champion, a position dear to both of our hearts - myself as the former Children and Youth Advocate and Deputy Mayor Morley as a former member of the South Etobicoke Youth Assembly. In this role, Deputy Mayor Morley will help ensure we build a city of opportunity, where youth across Toronto, regardless of how much money their family has or where they come from, will have a fair chance to build a good life here. Investments in libraries, youth spaces, community services, safety, and school food programs are just some of the ways we will make this happen.

Councillor Jon Burnside, Deputy Mayor Amber Morley, Speaker Frances Nunziata, Councillor Paul Ainslie and Councillor Anthony Perruzza, will form a Mayor's Youth Safety Task Force to lead community and government initiatives to reduce youth violence and invest in community safety.



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I am also grateful to Councillor Ainslie for his leadership in representing Toronto at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and a number of other agencies and boards. I am delighted that together with Councillor Chernos Lin, Councillor Moise and Deputy Mayor McKelvie, Councillor Ainslie will represent the City as we rejoin the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

As we welcome our newest colleague, Councillor Chernos Lin, we can look forward to adding her voice to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. And, as the former Chair of the TDSB, Councillor Chernos Lin will take on the important work of Chairing the City School Board Committee and working with colleagues from all four public school boards on our shared priorities, including expanding school food programs to feed more kids.

This will be a big year for the TTC as we complete the hiring for a permanent CEO and work to make service more reliable and responsive to the needs of riders. That's why I am glad to see Deputy Mayor Malik and Councillor Bravo join the ranks of TTC commissioners. Their lens on community and economic development, their experience as transit riders, and their representation of communities with very high transit ridership will bring new insights to the Board in a key time of renewal.

The recommendations attached are intended to ensure we are well-positioned as a Council to tackle our common challenges. Together we're stronger, and together we can build a city where everyone belongs.

Thank you again for your hard work.

Yours truly,

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Mayor