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Toronto City Council,
Toronto City Hall.
100 Queens St. West,
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2.

Attention: Sylwia Przezdziecki, at councilmeeting@toronto.ca

Re item PH21.1-Official Plan City of Toronto Official Plan Amendment 804.

Dear Sirs/Madams,

We at the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (MLCN) are writing in support of the staff report on aligning Toronto's Official Plan and Policy changes relating to employment areas.

MLCN is well aware of the need for housing but the City also must maintain its employment base. We are particularly concerned about the application for 125 The Queensway. Applications for redevelopment of that site have been rejected twice before and now a developer is back with yet another proposal. We note that the site, which is a mix of commercial outlets including a large grocery store, a bank, a dental office, a medical office and 11 other outlets, is across the road from the Humber Wastewater Treatment Plant and along side the Ontario Food Terminal, a provincially significant employment zone which must be maintained.

Complaints from residents at any redeveloped site are guaranteed. Also, removal of the multiple retail outlets will leave the neighbourhood a food desert. The nearest grocery store appears to be between 1.75 and two kilometres, a long way to carry heavy shopping bags.

In addition, we challenge the assertion that the site will be just a 10-minute walk from the planned Park Lawn GO station. The station is not yet built. Moreover, it will be the other side of the Gardiner Expressway and the train tracks. Most people are not speed walkers.

Les Veslenyi and Angela Barnes, Co-chairs of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network