External Sender] Vote NO to Councillor Matlow's Motion on Neighbourhood Interiors November 11, 2025 4:13:38 PM

Dear Mayor Chow and City Councillors,

We are writing to urge you to VOTE NO on a new motion being brought forward this week by Councillor Josh Matlow.

Councillor Matlow announced on X (see message here) that he will introduce a motion to include Interior Neighbourhoods in the NRS proposal (PH25.3), which would allow commercial uses within these residential properties.

However, Interior Neighbourhoods were explicitly removed from the proposal by the Planning and Housing Committee on October 30, after hearing extensive deputations from residents and stakeholders on both sides of the issue.

Councillor Matlow's new motion seeks to permit individual councillors to "opt in" their wards, effectively changing residential zoning bylaws in selected areas. This would create a confusing patchwork of different zoning permissions across the city and undermines the planning process.

This approach is deeply concerning. It circumvents the standard planning process for major zoning changes and introduces these amendments through the back door.

SUN & COTRA strongly opposes Councillor Matlow's motion, which we view as UNDEMOCRATIC. It ignores the Voices of Residents City Wide who participated in our community survey, where 90% of respondents supported removing Interior Neighbourhoods from the proposal.

We ask you again to vote against this misguided motion.

Residents across Toronto strongly oppose the commercialization of our Interior Neighbourhoods, and we will not accept being divided by ward.

Planning should be made based on rational need and fair process, not on the political leanings of different councillors and the political boundaries of a ward.

Thank you for upholding transparency, consistency, and fairness in city planning.

## Vote to SAVE OUR Neighbourhoods!

Sincerely,

If WE Don't Speak Up Now, WE Won't Be Heard..

## SCARBOROUGH CARES!

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