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*... and the day came when  
the risk to remain tight in a  
bud was more painful than  
the risk it took to blossom*

Anais Nin

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Good morning, Committee Members.

My name is Amina Yassin-Omar, and I am the Vice President of Community and Placemaking at the Learning Enrichment Foundation (LEF). Our organization is committed to providing integrated, holistic, and community-responsive programs that enable individuals to contribute actively to their community's social and economic well-being. This includes projects such as The Quilt, our 14-storey affordable housing project on Weston Road. The Quilt is more than housing, it brings together a welcoming streetscape, community space, and affordable retail, all shaped by 40 years of community vision and input. It will be a welcoming place where our rapidly growing neighborhood can connect, create, and collaborate.

It is in this same spirit that I stand with our community today to express strong support for the Mount Dennis Community for All Action Plan.

For decades, Mount Dennis has faced underinvestment, rapid change, and now increasing pressures from development and displacement. This Action Plan offers a thoughtful, community-driven response, one that puts people back into planning and ensures that those who built and sustained this neighborhood have a voice in its future.

This first-of-its-kind framework introduces bold and necessary measures to maintain affordability, protect local businesses, and reduce the harmful impacts of displacement particularly for long-standing residents who chose Mount Dennis for its affordability and working-class roots.

We are a neighborhood defined by diversity, resilience, and a deep commitment to placemaking. I want to extend my gratitude to our community partners, Horn of Africa Seniors Association, ENAGB, the Mount Dennis Community Association, the Mount

Dennis BIA, and the Eco-Neighborhood Initiative to name a few, for their unwavering dedication to this plan.

We also know that community-led planning is strongest when paired with stable, long-term municipal commitment. This Action Plan provides that foundation. Its development reflects meaningful interdivisional collaboration led by the Housing Secretariat and Social Development, a necessary and commendable approach given the complexity of the issues facing our neighborhood. We hope this action plan and equity scorecard will help the City strengthen its engagement with local communities in transit-oriented neighborhoods. These tools can support more inclusive decision-making in areas experiencing significant gentrification and growth.

In closing, I want to thank the residents of Mount Dennis, Councillor Nunziata, City staff, community partners, and Sean Gadon for their tireless work in bringing this plan forward.

I urge the Committee to adopt Item EC25.4 and continue supporting the community-driven efforts that have shaped the Mount Dennis Community for All Action Plan. This is a significant opportunity to protect affordability, strengthen local capacity, and ensure Mount Dennis remains a thriving and inclusive neighborhood for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I would be happy to answer any questions councilors may have.