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RE: EC25.7-REDUCING BARRIERS TO YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Dear Members of ECDC,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed motion by Councillor Bravo regarding EC25.7 to promote youth employment opportunities through the development of construction workforce and youth employment targets, including a target for the number of construction hours, for all new social procurement and Toronto Builds projects.

According to the Ontario government's labour market report for October 2025 16.3% of youth aged 15 to 24 are unemployed. Youth unemployment is a crisis for those individuals and their families, and for the City of Toronto. Youth unemployment, especially in marginalised communities, can result in the perpetuation of cycles of economic hardship, cause financial strain on families, and result in psychological impacts, social isolation, and increased potential for antisocial behaviours.

As a society and City the impacts of high youth unemployment can include a loss of productivity and potential innovation from the very people who are our future. It is vital that we as a City play our part in tackling this youth unemployment crisis.

Respectfully,

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