



Federation of  
South Toronto  
**RESIDENTS'**  
**ASSOCIATIONS**

27 January 2025

Via Email

Toronto City Executive Council  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

To: The City of Toronto Executive Committee ([exc.toronto.ca](http://exc.toronto.ca))

RE: Executive Council meeting 28 January 2025

EX20.13 - Toward Municipal Autonomy and Effective Local Governance - Member Motion

MM24-15 - Toward Municipal Autonomy and Effective Local Governance Referred to  
Committee from City Council meeting December 2024

Dear Executive Committee Members:

The Federation of South Toronto Residents' Associations (FoSTRA) is a federation that currently represents 30 residents' associations (RAs) in the five downtown Toronto ridings, Parkdale-High Park, Davenport, Spadina-Fort York, University-Rosedale and Toronto Centre, encompassing hundreds of thousands of Toronto's residents. We are reaching out to voice our support for the motion brought forward by Councillors Matlow and Myers calling for a citizen's Task Force on ways to strengthen local autonomy and democracy.

We agree that decisions that affect our city should be made locally and not by the provincial government. We strongly encourage you to adopt Councillors Matlow and Myers' proposal to establish a Program Advisory Body that would serve as a task force on Municipal Autonomy and Effective Local Governance, including local advocates and governance experts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rick Green  
**Chair**