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Dear Executive Committee,

Re: EX21.12 – Advancing the Tamil Community Centre

We are writing in support of Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie’s recommendation for City Council to authorize the waiver of City planning application fees for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment that would otherwise be payable by the Tamil Community Centre to the City for the property located at 311 Staines Road.

The Tamil Community Centre is a registered charity in Canada. Once built, it will be an inclusive, safe, multi-generational space where community organizations will provide programming and services to help address the evolving needs of the Tamil community, the greater Morningside Heights community, and northeast Scarborough at large. It will have recreation facilities in the form of a gym, indoor track, dance studios, and outdoor soccer field. It will have multi-purpose spaces facilitating programming such as after-school initiatives, incubation space for young entrepreneurs, recreational programs for seniors, and other social services such as immigration and mental health counseling. It will have cultural facilities with a library, archival space, gallery, and auditorium. And it will be an invaluable community resource to Indigenous, Black, Caribbean, and other racialized communities who face similar challenges to the Tamil community.

We are grateful for the strong support of Toronto City Council to date. This includes working with CreateTO on finding a suitable location at 311 Staines Road for the Tamil Community Centre as well as Toronto City Council unanimously voting in support of this with a land lease of an annual rent of \$1 plus HST.

We are also appreciative of the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario supporting the project with \$26.3 million in funding for construction. The remaining costs of the construction is currently being fundraised by the Tamil community.



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We are excited to have submitted our Zoning By-law Amendment application in January of this year. We would be grateful to the Executive Committee and City Council for authorizing the waiver of City planning application fees for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment that would otherwise be payable by the Tamil community to the City for the property located at 311 Staines Road.

Thank you,

Keerthana Rang

Tamil Community Centre

Chair of the Board of Directors