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RE: IE26.12- ACCEPTING A DONATION AND ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CCCGT FOR AN ASIAN GARDEN PROJECT AT CYNTHIA LAI PARK

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am pleased to express my strong support for the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto's (CCCGT) proposal to establish the Asian Garden at Cynthia Lai Park.

CCCGT has been a pillar of our community for over three decades, offering cultural programming, arts education, seniors' services, and community-building initiatives that enrich the lives of residents across Scarborough. Their longstanding commitment to fostering intercultural understanding and celebrating the diverse heritage of our city makes them an ideal partner in stewarding this new public space.

The proposed Asian Garden will enhance Cynthia Lai Park through thoughtful landscape features, plantings, and design elements that reflect the cultural traditions of many Asian communities that call Scarborough home. The plans also include ways to honour the original land that was gifted to the City and Chinese Cultural Centre, and the communities that have shaped Scarborough. This project aligns with our City's goals of creating inclusive, accessible, and vibrant public spaces; supporting community-led placemaking; and strengthening neighbourhood identity.

More importantly, the Asian Garden will serve as a welcoming gathering place for residents of all ages. It will provide educational and recreational opportunities, encourage intergenerational connections, and offer a serene space for reflection within a rapidly growing area that benefits greatly from additional high-quality public amenities.



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Cynthia Lai Park is itself a meaningful tribute to a former colleague who championed Scarborough and worked tirelessly on behalf of its diverse communities. The Asian Garden will not only animate this space but will further honour her legacy by reflecting the multicultural spirit she embraced.

I fully support CCCGT's vision and look forward to continuing to work with City staff, partners, and community members as this project advances. I respectfully encourage the Committee to give favourable consideration to this proposal.

Respectfully,

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