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Councillor Lily Cheng
City of Toronto Ward 18 – Willowdale
100 Queen Street West, Suite B36
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Re: Endorsement of Intercultural Hub at 45 - 47 Shepherd Ave. E., Willowdale

Dear Councillor Cheng,

We are writing to express our strong support for the establishment of a Intercultural Hub at 45 - 47 Shepherd Ave. E. in Avondale/Willowdale. As a member of this vibrant community, I firmly believe that this initiative will be a valuable asset, fostering cultural engagement, artistic expression, and social connection among our diverse population.

Avondale is home to a rich tapestry of cultures, and a dedicated Intercultural Hub would provide an inclusive space where residents can celebrate heritage, participate in creative activities, and build a stronger sense of community. Such a venue would support local artists, musicians, and performers while offering educational programs, workshops, and public events that benefit residents of all ages. Furthermore, this initiative aligns with the City of Toronto's commitment to enhancing cultural infrastructure and promoting accessibility to the arts.

Investing in this Intercultural Hub will not only enhance our neighbourhood's cultural vitality but also contribute to local economic growth by attracting visitors and supporting small businesses. With its prime location, the proposed space has the potential to become a cornerstone of Avondale's identity—a place where people from all backgrounds can gather, learn, and celebrate together.

We applaud you and your colleagues for the support of this initiative and advocate for the necessary resources to make it a reality. Thank you for your time and dedication to our community. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and explore ways to collaborate in making this vision come to life.

Sincerely,

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