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Dear Council Members:

This letter is to ask your support for the motions put forward by Councillors Saxe and Matlow, seconded by Mayor Chow, that will authorize and fund work on a master plan for restoration of the Vale of Avoca ravine.

The North Rosedale Residents' Association believes that restoration of this ravine is essential to meet local needs for accessible green space of the rapidly growing midtown population. Investment in this ravine will also contribute to our collective response to climate change and declining biodiversity.

Toronto's Ravine Strategy sets out a set of resonant themes that guide the collective stewardship of our ravine spaces: Protect, Invest, Connect, Partner, and Celebrate. We recognize that the current degraded reality for the Vale of Avoca falls well short of the Strategy's aspirations. We support the continuing efforts of Councillors Saxe and Matlow and the Midtown Ravines Group to work with City departments to develop a holistic approach to Avoca restoration, and then to engage with private supporters and donors to make this vision a reality.

We agree that an integrated plan is essential to overcome the historical tendency to address local ravine issues in isolation — an inefficient approach to ravine investment, entailing drawn out disruption to greenspace access and natural habitats.

We would be grateful if you add your support to the motions of Councillors Saxe and Matlow.

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