

RE: TE24.10 - 1711 and 1741 Eglinton Avenue West - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment - Decision Report - Approval

July 08, 2025

Dear Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

The Little Jamaica Community Coalition is a grassroots coalition that is dedicated to promoting affordable housing, food sovereignty, community land trusts, community benefits, and resident engagement. Our coalition seeks to build a sustainable and equitable community by addressing the root causes of systemic injustice and uplifting the voices of those most impacted by these issues.

Members of the coalition have been active participants during the consultation process for this development proposal. Many of the concerns and community priorities that we have shared during the consultation process, some of which have been noted in the staff report, are not reflected in this current development proposal.

Some of the main concerns and priorities that we have with this development proposal include:

- Building height and project density as a concern
- Shadow and construction impacts as a concern
- Housing affordability as a priority
- Potential displacement of existing residential and commercial tenants as a concern
- Community benefits and Inclusive local economic development as a priority
- Parks, green spaces, community and cultural spaces as a priority
- Lack of family sized units in proposal as a concern

We support the proposed motions by Councillor Matlow that commit to continued community engagement and opportunities to work with the Councillor, City planning staff and developer to ensure our concerns and priorities are reflected in the development plan.

We are particularly excited about the commitment for a phased development approach and measures to prevent displacement of businesses on the site. This addresses our concern about the potential displacement of existing residential and commercial tenants.

Thank you,

Submitted by Kumsa Baker on behalf of the Little Jamaica Community Coalition