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Dear clerk: please accept the below letter on behalf of the Access to Recreation group for agenda item 28.5:

Dear Members of Council,

We're writing to express strong support for the implementation of priority registration for Early Local Registration for all free community recreation centres across Toronto for extracurricular activities and community programming.

For years, our grassroots group Access to Recreation has worked tirelessly to advocate for more equitable access to local programs and services. Among our many goals, priority registration, now called Early Local Registration, has remained the urgent priority and our number one goal.

We were thrilled to learn the introduction of priority registration, marking a meaningful step forward in addressing these inequities. By ensuring that families who face financial and systemic barriers have a fair opportunity to enroll in programs, the City is fostering a more inclusive and accessible community. Recreation is not simply a luxury—it is essential for physical health, mental well-being, and social connection.

This initiative has already proven to be very popular among community members. Families have shared that they feel seen, valued, and reflected in their local community centers and programming spaces. That sense of belonging is critical to building strong, resilient neighborhoods.

We are ecstatic to see this long-standing advocacy goal come to life and commend Council for recognizing the importance of equitable access. We urge you to continue supporting and expanding initiatives like priority registration to ensure that residents can fully participate in community life.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to building a more inclusive city.

Sincerely,

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