

MM40,26- Support for Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) to Maintain Lands in the City of Toronto as Employment Lands to Protect the Ontario Food Terminal

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To the Toronto City Clerk and Members of Council,

The Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (MLCN), a group of various resident associations and interested individuals, have for several years sent in letters to the various City Council meetings to support the protection of employment lands, particularly the Ontario Food Terminal, The Ontario Food Terminal is a key employer that supports 2,500 jobs and contributes to the employment of approximately 168,000 people indirectly. While the Ontario Food terminal is a key component of Toronto's Employment lands, it's continued operation has come into jeopardy because the owner of the adjacent mall at 125 The Queensway, a retail and commercial plaza with surface parking has requested rezoning to allow residential uses at the plaza. In response, the Ontario Food Terminal Board, has requested an Minister's Zoning Order in order to safeguard the continued operational viability of the Ontario Food Terminal.

MLCN fully supports the proposed Minister's Zoning Order for 125 The Queensway to protect the Ontario Food Terminal from residential encroachments and other sensitive uses. MLCN also supports City Council's reaffirmation of support for the protection and preservation of employment lands within the City of Toronto, including encouraging the Province to bring Official Plan Amendment 804 into force to align the City's employment area policies with the provincial policy framework and provide greater certainty for the protection of employment lands. Protecting Toronto's Employment lands, including the one at the Ontario Food terminal is essential for maintaining an economic balance in the City.

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