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Council Members
Toronto City Council
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of the **Filipino Student Association of Scarborough (FSAS)**, we are writing to **express our strong support for MM43.8, Explore Partnerships for a New Filipino Community Centre in Toronto.**

We believe this motion represents a meaningful opportunity for the City of Toronto to recognize, support, and invest in the Filipino community by creating a dedicated space where Filipino cultural programming, community services, and initiatives can continue to grow and flourish. As a student organization committed to celebrating Filipino culture and fostering a strong sense of belonging at the University of Toronto Scarborough, we have seen firsthand the impact that dedicated community spaces can have in bringing people together.

FSAS serves as a microcosm of what is possible when Filipinos are given a welcoming environment to connect, learn, and support one another. Through our cultural, social, and professional programming, we have built a thriving community that empowers students to embrace their heritage while forming meaningful and lasting connections. We believe a Filipino Community Centre would extend these opportunities beyond the university setting, providing Filipino youth, families, seniors, newcomers, and community organizations with a shared space to celebrate culture, access resources, and strengthen community ties.

With one of the largest Filipino populations in Canada calling Toronto home, it is both timely and essential to invest in spaces that reflect and support the contributions of our community. A Filipino Community Centre would help sustain the important work of grassroots organizations, preserve Filipino heritage for future generations, and create new opportunities for collaboration across the city.

We respectfully urge Toronto City Council to support MM43.8 and take this meaningful step toward building a more inclusive, representative, and connected Toronto.

Signed,

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