

Planning and Housing Committee,

Toronto City Hall,

100 Queen St. West,

Toronto M5H 2N2.

Attn. Nancy Martins

Re. item PH27.11

Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (MLCN) is deeply disappointed to see the 125 The Queensway issue arise again after multiple failed conversion requests.

We understand the need for housing but this is absolutely not the right area for it and MLCN therefore supports the recommendation to send City staff to the Ontario Land Tribunal to, we hope, continue the opposition to the plan.

Toronto needs to keep its employment lands, especially now in light of the threat from south of the border. We note that the Plaza is located in the South Etobicoke Area of Employment, the second largest concentration of employment lands in the City.

In addition, any decision allowing the application to convert the property from employment to mixed use – read residential –endangers the Ontario Food Terminal situated right next door. The Terminal is the only wholesale produce market in Canada, providing an essential outlet for more than 1,500 Ontario farmers.

Were this application to succeed, complaints from residents of the towers about noise, truck traffic and the glare of lights at the Terminal are guaranteed. Also, there will undoubtedly be complaints about the odours emanating from the Water Treatment plant especially on hot summer days. The plant is located right across the Queensway from the Plaza.

Les Veszlenyi, Angela Barnes, co-chairs, MLCN.