

May 19, 2017

Mayor Tory and Toronto City Councillors
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Councillors,

Toronto shares an ambitious yet achievable climate goal with cities like London and Washington, D.C. – reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. With TransformTO, we now have a clear plan that will get us to our target and that shows climate action will bring us all much needed hope and prosperity.

We, the undersigned, urge you to adopt and fully implement *TransformTO Report #2 – The Pathway to a Low Carbon Future* when it is discussed at City Council on May 24th, 2017.

Create Multiple Benefits

We are excited about this climate action plan because the envisioned low-carbon actions has the potential to generate multiple benefits for all Torontonians:

- Make life more affordable
- Create jobs and much-needed local economic activity
- Improve public health
- Reduce poverty
- Keep Toronto competitive as a global city

Send a Signal to Provincial and Federal Government

The adoption of the TransformTO plan would send a clear signal to the Ontario and Federal governments that Toronto is ready to receive and invest climate action funds in ways that will reap maximum benefits. And with this decision, Toronto would join leading international cities like Paris and New York which recognize the vital role municipalities play in taking climate action.

It also acknowledges that we must take action now to ensure that we are leaving a modern, prosperous and healthy city for our children and grandchildren.

Mobilize New Resources through Collaboration

Transform TO Report #2 makes it clear that we must get serious about climate action and that doing so will contribute to current and future prosperity. The strategy takes a collaborative approach that ensures every climate dollar spent by the City leverages external resources and addresses environmental, social and economic priorities. This is exactly what Toronto needs.

TransformTO also creates a sound platform for accelerating the City's emerging resilience plan. The Insurance Bureau of Canada recently urged all levels of governments "to come

together and implement expansive climate policies that will better prepare Canadians and their communities for when disasters strike.” TransformTO would help do just that.

Finally, we welcome TransformTO as a plan that creates participation by businesses, residents, community organizations, associations, and civic leaders – like those of us who have signed this letter - in shaping and delivering this important work.

We are ready. We are full of hope. Let’s start creating a stronger Toronto by having Council adopt and implement TransformTO Report #2.

Sincerely,

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