

November 23, 2016

John Tory  
Mayor, City of Toronto  
City Hall, 2nd Floor  
100 Queen St. W.  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Re: Proposed 2.6% across-the-board budget cuts**

Dear Mayor Tory;

As you know, Social Planning Toronto has deep concerns about the impact that across-the-board budget cuts will have on vulnerable people in the city

We are aware that many other bodies that provide advice to the City have arrived at similar concerns.

The Toronto Seniors Forum, Toronto Youth Cabinet, Toronto Food Policy Council, the Board of Health, and the Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committees, have all written to you expressing similar concerns. Their letters are attached for your reference. These committees reflect a broad and diverse cross-section of Toronto residents and were selected by council to advise the City on policy affecting the communities they represent.

All are deeply concerned about the impact on marginalized communities and vulnerable residents that will result from cuts to transit, housing, health services and recreation. These cuts will undermine our collective efforts to make poverty reduction a reality and to make our city livable and inclusive for all.

Our efforts are to earnestly reflect the impacts of City programs and services on our respective communities and the issues we care about. We urge you to reconsider the proposed 2.6% budget cuts and invest in the health and wellbeing of Toronto's most vulnerable communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "SEAN MEAGHER", written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Sean Meagher,**  
Executive Director  
Social Planning Toronto