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> Subject: [EXTERNAL] REQUEST FOR A DELEGATION FOR Strategic Priorities
> and Policy Committee July 18

> I am requesting a delegation to the July 18th Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee meeting.

> I am a concerned citizen who is very engaged in London's nonprofit and community sector. I find the discussion to potentially remove the Capital & Innovation Grants and the Neighbourhood Decision Making program extremely disturbing. A relatively small line item in your overall city budget, these grants are vital to community making, collaboration and creative solutions to our City's wicket problems. We will lose critical programs and I plead with you as stewards and representative of all of us Londoners, to value the important programs that run on small budgets with big impact.

> I understand that the next level of decision making is happening at the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee which all counsellors are a part of. I urge you strongly to please REJECT this recommendation brought forward by the Council's Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group. I see the immense value provided by our community impact organizations and my husband and I volunteer and donate to so many of them. These organizations are committed, hard working, run by underpaid superstars and we need more funding for this group, not less! These organizations also run with several passionate volunteers, like me, who commit hours and hours because we believe in their work.

> Please show the nonprofit sector that you CARE about them and VALUE their important work by retaining the Capital and Innovation Grants and the Neighbourhood Decision Making Program.

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