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Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to thank City staff for your work as part of the 2026 Budget update, particularly your continued efforts to identify savings and operational efficiencies while maintaining important services for our community. This was challenging, complex work. We have always appreciated staff's commitment to responsible financial stewardship, but during difficult economic times your leadership and dedication were exemplary.

As we look ahead to the development of the 2027 budget update, Londoners continue to face many of the same challenges. Our region, according to Statistics Canada, now has an unemployment rate of 9.1 per cent, and with rising prices and trade uncertainty continuing to dominate the news cycle, it is more important than ever for us to find ways to reduce costs for residents. But citizens also rely every single day on the City to provide vital services while keeping them affordable for all.

That's why the work you have done is so important, and why we would like to formally encourage agencies, boards and commissions alongside City staff to continue and expand these efforts. With a specific focus on strategies that can help lower the tax rate and mitigate the tax increase facing residents and businesses, we can continue to deliver the services that keep London moving while keeping the affordability challenges many residents and families are experiencing front of mind. We ask that staff review all available options to achieve additional savings and efficiencies, and to report back to Council with concrete measures that can achieve that balance.

At a time when our region is facing job losses, higher living costs, and economic insecurity, it is critical that Council and City administration do everything possible to limit additional financial burdens. Continued diligence in identifying savings, prioritizing expenditures, and exploring innovative approaches to service delivery will be essential to supporting affordability and maintaining public confidence. Londoners are counting on us to work together and get it right again, and we are committed to doing exactly that.

Thank you to City staff for your ongoing work and dedication. We look forward to collaborating to responsibly lower the tax impact and support a more affordable 2027 Budget for the community we serve.

Sincerely,

Josh Morgan
Mayor

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Councillor, Ward 7