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Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee  
City Hall  
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To Whom It May Concern,

Partners In Employment London and Middlesex would like to extend our support for the recommendations put forward by the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty. We fully support the Panel's goal "for London to reach its full potential by ending poverty in one generation", and we encourage City Council to begin implementation as soon as possible.

Partners in Employment London and Middlesex is a coalition of service providers in London and area who work together to achieve a person-centred employment and training service system for people with disabilities. Our objective is to increase the number of people with disabilities to obtain and retain meaningful employment. We find a strong alignment between our goals as service providers in improving the accessibility and equity of employment; from advocacy initiatives directed towards the Federal and Provincial governments to improve services, to concrete goals like improving access to transit through subsidies and accessibility improvements.

We see firsthand how important it is to engage local employers in order to improve the lives of low income individuals and those facing barriers to employment. We are strongly in support of the recommendations for inclusive hiring practices and initiatives supporting individuals facing barriers, as well as efforts to support employers who implement diverse hiring practices.

Our thanks to the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty for completing this important first step, and we look forward to seeing these recommendations put into action. These recommendations, and the renewed focus on poverty reduction, represent a significant opportunity for our community, and we encourage council's unanimous support for this critical initiative.

Sincerely,

on behalf of

Bev Kobe / Brenda Thompson  
Co-Chairs