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## **Peggy Sattler MPP**

### **London West**

Mayor Matt Brown and Members of London City Council  
300 Dufferin Avenue  
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April 15, 2016

Dear Mayor Brown and Councillors:

I am writing as MPP for London West to express my full support for the report of the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty, *London for All: A Roadmap to End Poverty*, released in March 2016. I also want to convey my deep appreciation for the work that was done by the members of the panel and the many community members who participated in the consultations.

The report provides a series of actionable recommendations, both short-term and longer-term, that are rooted in the Social Determinants of Health and reflect a comprehensive understanding of poverty as both a human rights issue and an equity imperative. It includes valuable research to inform the development of evidence-based policy at the local, provincial and federal levels, by both government and civil society organizations. Most importantly, the report acknowledges the importance of holistic, place-based approaches to develop and apply local solutions to the complex issue of poverty in London, which continues to experience higher rates of poverty than the province as a whole. Poverty, and the social exclusion that results, has a direct impact on the well-being and success of our entire community and undermines our efforts to build a strong and resilient local economy.

I urge council to adopt the recommendations outlined in the report and to move forward quickly with their implementation. I offer my firm commitment to advocate strongly for the specific recommendations that require partnership with the government of Ontario, including:

- Recognition of London as a Basic Income Guarantee pilot site
- Ensuring adequate liveable rates for people accessing Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program
- Evaluating provincial minimum wage levels in the context of the Low Income Measure and use as a tool to address poverty
- Supporting the development of more employment training programs using an equity lens
- Enhancing legislation to support workers in maintaining employment, such as my Private Members' Bill 177, which provides survivors of sexual or domestic violence with up to 10 days of paid leave to deal with the harm they experienced
- Extending health and dental benefits for those transitioning off social assistance
- Increasing investment in early years education and literacy programming

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Sattler".

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