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**Subject:** Trade Motion

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Dear Counsellors Morgan and Helmer:

I want to thank you for your motion regarding the City of London providing information, data and analysis to the Government of Canada to inform any trade negotiations with the United States of America.

It is absolutely essential that municipalities be engaged with this very important process. Recent trade deals like CETA are expanding the scope of trade deals to sub-national governments. Future trade policy will impact our economic, social and cultural future as a local community as well as a nation.

It is therefore imperative that the Government of Canada enter into negotiations with an informed understanding of the impact of trade on every aspect of the life in our communities. Local governments like London City Council are in a very favourable position in regard to having access to and providing the information, data and analysis the federal government needs to negotiate from a position of strength and understanding.

I wish to support your motion to Council but would respectfully request that you consider the following amendment:

“The City of London support the Government of Canada by providing information, data, and analysis to inform negotiations with the United States of America. Further that our municipal, community, business, **labour and Indigenous** partners be encouraged to participate in this important endeavour.”

I hope that you will make every effort to facilitate this broader community participation and encourage other municipalities, both urban and rural, to likewise engage the federal government.

Any re-negotiation of NAFTA must include respect for human rights, labour rights, Indigenous rights, support for supply management and environmental protection.

You have a critical role to play. I encourage you to be the voice of Londoners and seek partners whose voices **must** also be heard.

Sincerely,

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