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Dear Mayor Fontana and London City Councillors,

Our organization has noted with interest the council's commitment to ensuring the survival of Lorne Avenue School as well as the exploration of a pilot project for the use of using local improvement charges for the acquisition of the Sherwood Forest Public School.

The Society for Learning in Retirement London is currently in a temporary lease arrangement for classroom space for its 270 members who participate in classes throughout the day five days a week. We have been operating continuously as a peer learning peer teaching nonprofit organization since September of 1994. We have been exploring the possibility of finding a more permanent location with adequate parking to accommodate our growing numbers. We have also spoken with representatives of other seniors' organizations which too are looking for long term affordable space to house some of the many programs for seniors this city offers. The Sherwood Forest School would seem to be an excellent prospect to meet these needs.

We commend you on your interest in receiving a report back from administration on how such a project would work using a local improvement program and ask that you earmark \$250,000 in the 2014 budget to prepare the school site for a potential seniors' hub and other possible office and community uses.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,



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Chair, Board of Directors

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