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YWCA says City Manager's report requires provincial response

September 12, 2011 - YWCA Toronto says the city will be a harsher, more difficult place if many of the City Manager's recommendations are implemented.

Reacting to the City Manager's report released earlier today, YWCA CEO Heather McGregor said, "Cutting subsidized child care spots and discontinuing investments in affordable housing will make the poor poorer and further marginalize some of our City's most vulnerable. Such cuts will diminish this City."

YWCA Toronto is urging City Council to ensure budget decisions do not undermine our collective effort to make the City a more just, equitable and livable City.

"Torontonians also need to be asking political candidates in the provincial election what they are going to do to ensure vital services and programs, including child care and affordable housing, are adequately funded," added Sarah Blackstock, YWCA's Director of Advocacy & Communications. "What's happening in Toronto right now has a lot to do with what happens at Queen's Park. Torontonians should be pressing provincial candidates with hard questions, while ensuring they also let their City Councillors know what's important to them."

"The City Manager's recommendations touch every aspect of the City. Torontonians need to be vocal about the City they want," urged McGregor.

YWCA Toronto is dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. Our programs promote equality, economic security and lives free from violence. We help women and girls flee violence, secure housing, find jobs, establish their voices, enhance skills and develop confidence. We offer a range of housing options, employment and training programs, community support programs, girls' programs and family programs.

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