

Toronto is poised to take a big step on poverty in our city – but only you can make it happen.

Toronto is one of the wealthiest cities in Canada. But more than 1 in 5 Toronto residents live in poverty – or 1 in 3 racialized residents.

Please sign this petition and ensure that City Council votes to implement a strong Poverty Reduction Strategy for the City of Toronto.

Dear Toronto Mayor and City Councillors:

As a resident of your ward, I am writing to share my excitement about the City's first ever Poverty Reduction Strategy.

It is critical that Council support a bold, strategic and sustainable poverty reduction plan that delivers the policy changes we need, and the services we rely on, to enjoy a good quality of life in your ward and in all areas of Toronto.

Our community is counting on a real investment of municipal funds in the 2016 budget as a clear sign of Toronto's commitment. Poverty reduction should be a top priority in the 2016 budget, to move forward in a meaningful way for the very initial efforts in 2015.

I am looking forward to your leadership, as my Councillor, when you vote to support moving forward on the Poverty Reduction Strategy, with real investment in the 2016 budget, when it is up for debate at Council and in Committee.

Our future, and that of my neighbours and your constituents, depends on it.

Full Name <i>please print</i>	Signature	Address <i>apartment #, street # and name, postal code</i>	Ward # <i>if known</i>	Email	Would you like to receive updates about poverty reduction from Commitment2Community? (Y/N)

Please return completed petitions to: Commitment2Community, 2 Carlton St., Suite #1001, Toronto, ON M5B 1J3, Tel: 416-351-0095 x250. Petitions will be submitted to Toronto City Council.

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