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Mr. Earl Provost,
Chief of Staff,
Office of the Mayor

Dear Earl,

Because of yesterday's on-again, off-again dialogue, I am sending you the official position of the Board of The Santa Claus Parade to present to the Mayor.

The parade is held on the streets of the City of Toronto and the City is very helpful in organizing the parade; while the Mayor has no official capacity in the parade, as Mayor he has every right to walk ahead of the Parade.

Due to recent events in the Mayor's life, there was a decision made that he would not walk the parade, but would be a spectator watching the Parade with his family. However, last night the Mayor announced that he has changed his mind and will now walk ahead of the Parade.

We are appealing to the Mayor, as a parent to reconsider this decision. We are asking him to go back to the original decision.

The Santa Claus Parade is presented for children and families and the single focus is the magic of Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving to usher in the Holiday Season.

With the media following the Mayor in everything he does, we do not want this distraction to take away from the anticipated fun and enjoyment that children will have on Parade Day.

Our request is simple, we know the Mayor loves the Parade, but for this year let's avoid this distraction and put the focus back on Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Sincerely

Ron D. Barbaro
Co-Chairman