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Mayor and Members of Council City of Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Tower Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Attention:

Ulli S. Watkiss, City Clerk

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re:

City Council - Meeting on May 17, 2011

Amendments to / Repeal of Zoning By-law 1156-2010

We are counsel to the Greater Toronto Apartment Association.

Our client has appealed By-law 1156-2010 (Appeal No. 204). We are writing in support of the Committee recommendation that the By-law be repealed by Council.

In the alternative, our client has previously communicated its opposition to the proposed amendments to Zoning By-law 1156-2010, if those are brought forward. We hereby reiterate our client's opposition and enclose our correspondence dated March 22, 2011 to the Planning and Growth Management Committee.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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March 22, 2011

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Chairman and Members
Planning and Growth Management Committee
City of Toronto
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
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Attention:

Ms. Merle MacDonald, Committee Administrator

City Clerk's Department

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re:

**Planning and Growth Management Committee** 

Agenda Item PG2.5 - March 24, 2011

Statutory Public Meeting - Amendments to Zoning By-law 1156-2010

We are the solicitors for the Greater Toronto Apartment Association. You will recall that on behalf of our client we appealed By-law 1156-2010 (Appeal No. 204).

We understand that your Committee will be considering the above-noted item at a Statutory Public Meeting on March 24, 2011 and we take this opportunity to submit our client's comments for your consideration.

### Prescribed Information and Material Available to the Public

We understand that the relevant published information available to the public for purposes of understanding the proposed By-law amendments includes:

- available on March 3, 2011: Statutory Notice of Public Meeting to be held on March 24, 2011:
- available on March 17, 2011 (as posted on the Planning and Growth Management Committee's Agenda website): Staff Report dated March 15, 2011 (177 pages), entitled "Amendments to Zoning By-law 1156-2010", recommending approximately 1,742 changes to By-law 1156-2010, including various corrections, additions, deletions, substitutions, revisions, new regulations and mapping changes.

#### Comments

For purposes of this statutory submission, we have taken the information that is available as of the date of this submission, as best as can be assessed given the available time and the manner in which the changes are proposed.

None of the proposed by-law changes adequately or appropriately addresses the concerns our client previously identified to your Committee. While the nature of the changes are styled as housekeeping corrections, the proposed changes also include new, substituted or revised regulations. A number of new regulations, deletions and replacements are proposed without benefit of supporting discussion, clarification or public consultation. The amendments have been structured into 10 separate amending by-laws, however related revisions and corrections can be found in separate by-laws.

#### Summary

For the above reasons, our client does not support the proposed amendments. We bring these concerns to your attention at this time.

We also request the Clerk provide us with Notice of any subsequent considerations or decisions of the related Zoning By-law.

We trust that you will find the above of some assistance in your consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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