

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the October 24, 2011 City Council meeting on item 2011.NY10.7, Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act - 101 Mason Boulevard

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Toronto Catholic District School Board ("TCDSB") objects to the designation of Loretto Abbey Secondary School at 101 Mason Boulevard, Toronto, to the extent that such designation would prevent or hinder TCDSB from using the property as a secondary school, and, specifically, constructing or reconstructing classrooms or school-related offices in the building on the property.

TCDSB acknowledges that such construction should not affect the heritage features of the premises set out in the Staff Report to the Toronto Preservation Board, dated August 17, 2011.

Notwithstanding, TCDSB respectfully requests that Council, in considering the designation, take into account that TCDSB is always under financial pressures with regard to construction. The designation of the property under the Ontario Heritage Act may lead to increased construction costs to which TCDSB would not otherwise be subjected. TCDSB should be relieved of such increased construction costs.

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