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Via Email

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Attention: Marilyn Toft, Secretariat (clerk@toronto.ca)

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: City Council Item No. CC22.4
Report to Council on an Inquiry: Lobbying in an Election Event**

We are solicitors for the Building Industry and Land Development Association ("BILD") with respect to the above-noted matter. We are writing on behalf of our client to stress certain findings of the Lobbyist Registrar regarding the event BILD held for its members on September 13, 2010 called "Meet the Mayoral Candidates".

The Lobbyist Registrar concluded that BILD was entitled to lobby public offices holders at this event and associated pre-meetings through its in-house registered lobbyists. Further, when advised by the Lobbyist Registrar that this event and associated pre-meetings should be reported, BILD fully complied with this request. BILD shares the Lobbyist Registrar's interest in transparency and always strives to be compliant with the Lobbying By-law.

Our client supports the key recommendation of the Lobbyist Registrar, namely that City Council request the Lobbyist Registrar to report to Council on whether and to what extent communications between lobbyists and public office holders during an election period, in the context of election debates, should be made exempt from Chapter 140. As noted by the Lobbyist Registrar, this is a novel issue and BILD welcomes further clarity regarding the relationship between the Lobbying-By-law and municipal elections.

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Yours very truly,

Goodmans LLP

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David Bronskill

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cc: Client

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