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VIA E-MAIL: pgmc@toronto.ca

Planning and Growth Management Committee
Att.: Ms. Merle MacDonald, Committee Administrator
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West,
Toronto Ontario M5H 2N2

RE: PG 16.1 New Draft City-Wide Zoning Bylaw

Dear Councillor Milczyn and Committee Members:

The introduction of the new draft City-wide Zoning Bylaw (ZBL) is an extremely important matter for the residents' associations (RAs) across the city. The proposed process of public review of the new draft City-wide ZBL as recommended in the Staff Report tends to reflect a generally passive approach; making the Bylaw available in civic centres, through the City website, and depending on City Councillors to arrange for meetings in their wards.

Given the role that representatives from RAs played in discussions about the previous harmonized ZBL as well as the new draft ZBL, we would propose an additional meeting at City Hall for RAs and the public that would focus on the residential components of the draft City-wide ZBL.

Thank you for allowing us to address the committee.

Yours truly,

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