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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the November 13, 2013 City Council meeting on item 2013.TE27.66, West Queen West Planning Study: Queen Street West Between Bathurst Street and Roncesvalles Avenue

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Comments:

The Parkdale Residents Association fully endorses the attached letter issued jointly by the Ossington Community Association, the Trinity-Bellwoods Community Association, the Beaconsfield Village Residents' Association and the West Queen West BIA in support of item 2013.TE27.66.

Andrew Emery
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November 11, 2013

Dear City Council,

We write concerning upcoming item TE27.66, the West Queen West Planning Study: Queen Street West Between Bathurst Street and Roncesvalles Avenue.

In our view, this item strongly deserves the support of Council. This historic stretch of Toronto's most dynamic street is world-renowned for its miles of Victorian mixed-use buildings. For generations, these buildings have supported hundreds of small businesses and their adjacent residential neighbourhoods. That synergy makes this corner of our city the very paradigm of active- and public-transit-oriented, human-scale urbanism. It is therefore a matter of city-wide importance to ensure that passing market trends do not undermine the integrity of this largely intact district. The proposed Planning Study is the instrument to avoid future remorse.

We also urge Council to ensure there is funding for the Planning Study in City Planning's 2014 Budget. The real estate market is evolving swiftly, and significant development pressures are already visible. It is therefore our opinion that the

Planning Study should proceed without significant delay.

Sincerely yours,

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