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Mayor and Members of Council,
City of Toronto Clerk's Office,
Toronto City Hall,
100 Queen Street West,
10th Floor, West Tower,
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Attention: Ulli S. Watkiss, City of Toronto Clerk

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

RE: PG 28.2: Proposed Amendments to the Official Plan for Economic Health and Employment Lands Policies and Designations and Recommendations on Conversion Requests

I am writing on behalf of the South Etobicoke Industrial Employers' Association (SEIEA) with regard to the proposed Official Plan Amendment (OPA) for Employment Lands and the conversion requests.

SEIEA is supportive of the strong policy approach taken in the proposed OPA that seeks to protect and enhance the City's economic health, employment lands and the valuable jobs these lands support. The four suggestions in our November 20, 2013 letter to PGMC would further improve and clarify the proposed amendment.

SEIEA is very concerned about the many conversion requests across the City, particularly those along the QEW/Gardiner Corridor, the majority of which are not supported by Planning Staff. If approved, they will undermine the entire employment lands strategy set out in the proposed amendment and jeopardize the City's success at the Ontario Municipal Board.

SEIEA is also concerned about, and opposes the conversion application at 302, 320-324 Horner Avenue. A motion to approve this conversion was defeated at PGMC. This proposed conversion would have moved the residential /industrial boundary closer to heavy industry centered in the South Etobicoke Employment Area and impact the operation of many manufacturers in this area. SEIEA requests that Council oppose this conversion, should it be re-introduced.

Council must show solidarity and leadership in the long term planning of the City's employment lands by refusing all conversion requests not recommended by Planning Staff. Any additional staff reports to Council that affect the proposed OPA should be subject to public consultation and input.

We ask to be provided with notice of Council's decision with respect to this matter and thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Brezina".

South Etobicoke Industrial Employers' Association
Al Brezina, Executive Director

