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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

**Re: Item PG28.2 – Statutory Public Meeting regarding Official Plan and Municipal Comprehensive Reviews
Proposed Amendments to the Official Plan for Economic Health and Employment Land Policies**

We are the solicitors for the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for The Diocese of Toronto, in Canada (the "Archdiocese"). Our client owns approximately 124 property, parish and mission interests throughout the City of Toronto, six (6) of which are located within Employment Areas.

The Archdiocese has previously raised its concerns with this Committee regarding the proposed treatment of Places of Worship within Employment Areas in the City's Official Plan. The Archdiocese objects to the proposal to no longer permit Places of Worship within Employment Areas, and to the proposed deletion of the grandfathering provision for existing, legally established Places of Worship. We understand that these concerns are shared by other faith groups and they have been clearly and consistently communicated to City staff.

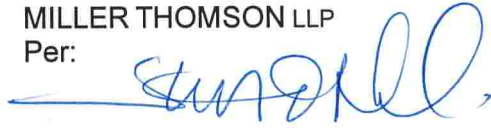
The Archdiocese supports the wording of the current approved City of Toronto Official Plan, which permits Places of Worship in specified locations within Employment Areas and recognizes legally existing Places of Worship in Employment Areas without reference to their location. The Archdiocese submits that the both the existing location permissions and the grandfathering provision for existing Places of Worship should be maintained. The proposed Official Plan Amendment, if approved in its current form, would lead to our client's long-established parishes in Employment Areas being rendered lawful non-conforming, with the legislative intent that they should in time cease to exist.

We ask that the Committee consider the above concerns when considering this matter. We hereby request that we be provided with notice of the Committee's decision and of any future consideration of this matter, including notice of the passage of any Official Plan Amendment.

Yours truly,

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