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Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly and Members of Council Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attention:

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CITY COUNCIL – JUNE 10^{TH} , 2014 MEETING – MEMBER MOTION – MM52.8 REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER WITH THE LOBBYIST REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Teddington Park Residents Association Inc. (TPRA) is writing to express our concern with Member Motion, MM52.8 requiring all non-profit organizations and grassroots campaigns to register with the Lobbyist Registrar's Office.

The broad nature of this amendment to the Municipal Code has included resident and ratepayer groups, like TPRA, that by their very nature are voluntary organizations and work on behalf of their members on local issues and / or city-wide matters that may affect them. The freedom to organize and participate are essential to civic engagement and forms the foundation of democracy.

Teddington Park Resident Association Inc, supports other groups in requesting:

• That residents / ratepayers and other community groups <u>continue</u> to be exempt from the Lobbyist Registrar.

Thank you,

Eileen Denny, President Teddington Park Residents Association Inc.

cc. Secretary, TPRA Board Councillor Robinson, Ward 25