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Dear NYCC and Councillor Stintz

Here attached is a letter from EPRA concerning the proposed development at Postal Station K.

The burden: we approve of this development and appreciate the conservation of the heritage building. We have one major concern: that a tall building here not set a precedent further north on Yonge. We have some other queries, concerning parking, and we wish to be assured that the indoor gallery be open to the public from end to end (from Helendale to Montgomery).

Best wishes,

Tom Cohen  
Chair, EPRA

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NYCC

Dear Councillors

Eglinton Park Residents' Association has been deeply involved in the discussions around the fate of Postal Station K, an architectural treasure of great historical significance, and we are delighted to see how the Rockport apartment complex proposes to protect and enhance it. We have seen the planners' report and are happy to give our backing.

We do have some concerns.

Greatest of all is our desire to assure that this tower of 27 stories not become an argument for towers further north on Yonge Street. We need guarantees that from Montgomery northwards, Yonge will have midrise buildings and nothing higher. We see a tall building on this particular site as justified only by the very special circumstances of the rescue and preservation of an historic structure.

A second concern is a wish to see parking, Green P or something like it, under the building, in support of the businesses on Yonge.

A third is a desire to be reassured that the gallery between the "jewel box" and the tower function as a gallery, or *galleria*, so that the public can promenade the length of it. We have looked at the designs but cannot tell for sure that the developer intends clear passage. A covered public passage would be a fine amenity, especially in inclement weather. The model of the handsome downtown Galleria between Yonge and Bay comes to mind.

Best wishes,

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