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December 6, 2015

To: Mayor and Members, Toronto City Council

Re: TE 12.108 – Amendments to Section 37 Provisions for 81-87 Peter Street

I am writing in my roles as the Honorary Chair, Grange Community Association and as a former City Councillor for Ward 20.

The proposal as outlined in the the recommendations of the Toronto and East York Community Council can be supported for a number of reasons, the most important being the shortage of community services for the ever growing population in the King Spadina area.

It has come to our attention that the local Entertainment District BIA believes that all section 37 funds that derive from developments within "their boundaries" should not be allocated outside of their boundaries. The argument put forward by the BIA is flawed. The impact of developments are not confined to specific boundaries. We must note that many activities that take place within the boundaries of the Entertainment District have significant impact upon areas outside, including that of the Grange community.

We also note that the proposed recommendation does not affect the significant commitment of \$15 million to the John Street revitalization plan. Elsewhere across the city, other BIA's have established partnerships for their share of the costs of various revitalization programs. This particular BIA seems to hold the view that it should contribute nothing and that the city should pay for everything.

We urge City Council to approve the recommendation made by the TEYCC.

Ceta Ramkhalawansingh <u>Hon. President, G</u>range Community Association

cc Ralph Daley, President, Grange Community Association Councillor Joe Cressy, Ward 20 – Trinity Spadina