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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to advise you that there are many people who are unhappy with the option which the consultant suggested about the future of Old Toronto City Hall.

I have received numerous emails and that prompted me to launch an opinion poll on my website.  
<http://karygiannis.net/wp/local-engagement-page/>

From the hundreds of people who responded, over 72% did not support the idea of creating retail space in Old City Hall.

Overwhelmingly, over 80% of the respondents who were not supportive of a retail space option wanted to have Old City Hall preserved as a museum if its current status was going to be changed.

Attached please find some comments of the respondents for your perusal.

Sincerely,

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Attach

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### **Comments from some respondents to Opinion Poll on the future of Old City Hall**

Are they kidding? Absolutely no converting to retail space!!!. Please, just update the inside space and keep it as courts or for municipal business. There is plenty of retail in the area

Old City Hall is an architectural landmark, one worth protecting for its unique look and for its history. Converting it into a retail space will necessarily change its appearance as businesses must make themselves visible and known, and the resulting apparatus will be very ill-fitting for a building of such stately architecture.

Old City Hall is the most beautiful heritage building in Toronto and to even imagine it as a retail store/food place seems unthinkable. We have enough commercial space to spend our money, we do not need one more!

I do not support converting Old City Hall to a retail space

Retail space? You gotta be kidding??? What a horrible end for such a glorious building. We have enough retail space with a block or two of that building to satisfy the most chronic shopaholic within our large city. There is of course - the Eaton Center and across the road is the Path with - HOW MANY SHOPS TO SQUANDER YOUR MONEY? I have never been able to make a count - there are simply too many to count and now - you want to degrade this building to WHAT?? tell me again I don't believe anyone in their right mind would suggest the Old City Hall to be degraded to coffee shops - McDonald's maybe and whatever??? A museum, art gallery, library - perhaps a gallery to honour our past mayors and citizens of their accomplishments and the history of this great city - but again - please no more shops. There are lots of other ideas but surely not more shops - please

I do not support converting Old City Hall to a retail space

Toronto needs to keep SOME of it's past, So much has been destroyed either by arson or by permission of the counsel.

I'm afraid that money talks here and so we lose another of our old buildings.  
The Eaton Center is just steps away, with all the retail anyone could want.

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