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Re PB 7.4 Heritage listings Markham and Bathurst

Dear Members of the Preservation Board:

The Harbord Village Residents' Association applauds the recommendations of City staff for the heritage listing of 35 properties in the vicinity of Bathurst and Bloor (the Four Corners area).

Harbord Village is fortunate to have two HCDs within its boundaries and is actively pursuing an expansion to much of the rest of our catchment. We would be delighted to see heritage protection extended to these buildings. They reflect the next generation of buildings as Toronto's development moved west— and ones quite different from our own.

The reports and photographs which accompany this recommendation clearly demonstrate the quality and variety of buildings on Bathurst and Markham. Preserving these 35 facades helps capture a moment in time—when the businesses and houses and churches of a new community came into being.

But heritage protection will also give us a way to celebrate the vivid and eccentric contribution to the City's creative and cultural life made by the Mirvish family. You see many of the Markham Street houses listed. We are fortunate that these have survived. Mirvish Village—much of which remains—was spirited, funky, distinctive, and it has managed to capture the vibrancy of the sixties.

With respect,

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