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Dear Ms. Martins,

Re: PG2.8 Toronto Heritage Conservation District Study Prioritization

As Heritage Toronto launches its State of Heritage Report today, we are pleased to see the recommendations before Planning and Growth Management Committee regarding the Toronto Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Study Prioritization. The result of a year of community consultations, our report applauded the City of Toronto's accomplishment of undertaking five HCD studies and its strides forward for heritage in the Official Plan. The State of Heritage Report also emphasizes the need for continued investment in staff resources to protect the city's heritage assets.

At a time of unprecedented development, the continued investment in Heritage Conservation District studies is important to protecting areas that have heritage character and value. Heritage Toronto expresses its support for the recommendations in PG2.8 Toronto Heritage Conservation District Study Prioritization, but given our position, we are concerned about the disjuncture between this motion and the Budget Committee motion on February 20, 2015 (BU6.4) to eliminate positions that would provide essential development review services for properties on the City's *Inventory of Heritage Properties*. Cuts to heritage preservation staffing are not at all in line with the recommendations in our State of Heritage Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francisco Alvarez".

Francisco Alvarez
Executive Director, Heritage Toronto

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