From: Catherine Mitchel

To: Planning and Growth Management Committee

Subject: Re Planning & Growth Management Meeting September 16th

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To the Members of the City of Toronto's Planning and Growth Management Committee,

I am writing as a representative of the newly created Garment District Neighbourhood Association (GDNA), catchment from between Queen & King, and Spadina to Bathurst. While small, ours is a very busy part of the City, now buzzing with TIFF activities, and with an extraordinary number of developments in various stages of proposal as our Councillor Joe Cressy and his staff can well attest. In addition to our own 'start-up' meetings since late spring, we have also attended a number of the City pre-application meetings even before we formally organized. We are in the process of getting up to speed on a number of these important files, including the interesting "mid-rise report" the Planning & Growth Management Meeting is scheduled to discuss later this week. However, we simply cannot provide the appropriate input that this summary document requires having received it only this past weekend.

That said, we are keenly interested in having input in the planning and growth management of our neighbourhood, as exhibited by the renewal of St. Andrew's Park/Playground, spearheaded by the community with the assistance of then-Councillor Olivia Chow.

We have shown a strong interest for many years in the development of key buildings, some new and some to be renewed and have a good relationship with our newly-elected Councillor Cressy. To that end, we would respectfully request a deferral until sometime in November in order to give the GDNA sufficient time to read and study the implications of these recommendations. We would be pleased to come back to you with suggestions for any amendments arising later in the fall.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. I have taken the liberty of copying in Councillor Cressy and his staff, and our own GDNA Secretary to ensure we are connected and fulfilling our community obligations.

If there is anything we have missed, please let me know. Our website is barely launched but there is some information which you may find useful: http://gdnatoronto.weebly.com

Kind regards,

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