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To Whom It May Concern,

The Cabbagetown Residents Association has recently become aware that a motion will be considered by City Council on May 3-4, 2016 to “request the City Manager, in consultation with the Lobbyist Registrar and the City Solicitor, to review the requirements for not-for-profit organizations.” The recommendation was carried by the Executive Committee on March 9, 2016 (EX13.2 - <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.EX13.2>).

The Cabbagetown Residents Association represents the interest of residents within the boundaries defined by Gerrard Street to the south, St. James Cemetery to the north, Parliament Street to the west and the Don River to the east. As a not-for-profit organization, we are concerned that the motion contemplates an increased barrier for the association to communicate with City representatives.

While lobbyist registration serves a valuable function to ensure transparency where private interests are concerned, the burden of lobbyist registration should not be imposed on organizations that represent resident interests. Forcing organizations like the Cabbagetown Residents Association to register as lobbyists would only stifle or extinguish what is a vital dialogue between such organizations and City Hall.

We ask that City Councillors vote in opposition to any new initiatives that require residents associations like ours to register as lobbyists.

Sincerely,

Volunteer Board of Directors
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