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Members of Council City of Toronto Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Members of Council:

Re: PG 13.6 Requests for Area-Specific Amendments to the City's Sign By-law - 2016 Annual Report (Ward 5, 16, 19, 26, 28)

I understand that members of Council may have questions of me regarding possible complaints filed with this Office that relate to the above-noted matter. I do not normally confirm or deny the fact of any complaint to this Office. However, the complainant has made the fact of his complaint public.

I do not comment on complaints and therefore am not available to take questions from Council on this matter. The only time that I comment on a complaint is when a matter is complete, if at all. The reason I do not comment is because the *City of Toronto Act*, 2006 requires me to preserve secrecy with respect to all matters that come before me and so that I can remain neutral in relation to the substance of any possible complaint.

As Integrity Commissioner, I have jurisdiction to receive and deal with complaints about the conduct of individual members of Council and the City's boards. When dealing with a complaint, I follow the Code of Conduct Complaint Protocol which ensures that members who are the subject of a complaint are provided with an opportunity to respond to the allegations.

Sincerely,

Valerie Jepsen

Integrity Commissioner