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## Via Email clerk@toronto.ca

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

Attention: Ms. Ulli S. Watkiss, City Clerk

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

## Re: Proposed City-Initiated TOcore Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendments (the "Proposed Amendments") Toronto and East York Community Council Item TE18.7

We are the solicitors for Harry Klaczkowski, part owner of the lands municipally known as 141 Queen St. East and 128 Richmond Street East, (the "Lands").

The Lands are located within the area subject to the City-initiated proposed Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments (the "Amendments") with respect to tower setbacks within the Downtown in association with the on-going TOcore study. We are writing to express the concerns of our client with respect to the Amendments both as applicable to the Lands and throughout the area subject to the Amendments.

The Amendments do not explicitly exempt a site-specific zoning bylaw in force on the Lands (94-0166). Our client is therefore concerned that the proposed Amendments will impose inappropriate restrictions on the development of the Lands. Therefore we are requesting that the Property be exempted from the Amendments.

Further, above and beyond the site specific concerns referred to above, our client is concerned that the proposed Amendments do not provide sufficient flexibility to adequately respond to site-specific considerations as arise on individual sites generally and which vary greatly across the Downtown and Central Waterfront. In our view, the Amendments do not adequately allow for consideration of specific design solutions or site specific factors which may warrant different setbacks than those set out in the Amendments.

We would be pleased to discuss these and the other concerns of our client with respect to the proposed Amendments with City Staff. Please provide us with notice of Council's decision in this matter or of any future consideration by Council, Community Council, or any Committee.

Yours truly,

Cynthia A. MacDougall

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