

EX11.13.2

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To: City of Toronto Executive Committee

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Subject: **EX8.35 -- Official Plan Amendment for Exhibition Place (Ward 19)**

We are writing to you today in regard to a matter being discussed at the upcoming meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled for Monday September 21, 2015.

EX 8.35 – Official Plan Amendment for Exhibition Place seeks the endorsement of Executive Committee to recommend that City Council *“instruct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division to commence the process for an Official Plan Amendment with respect to all leased buildings within that part of the Exhibition Place site designated as Parks/Open Space to permit the granting of leases of those buildings for terms in excess of 21 years.”*

As long time show producers of Exhibition Place – and significant drivers of tourism and local revenue – we have an obvious and strong interest in any future developments at Exhibition Place. We believe that consideration of EX 8.35 at this time is premature in that it fails to account for the ongoing development of a broader proposal to unlock the western waterfront currently underway in collaboration with show producers, tenants, residents’ associations and civic leaders.

While these plans remain preliminary in nature, we believe there exists an opportunity to re-envision Exhibition Place and the surrounding area in a way that provides greater linkages to the waterfront, increased public space and continued viability for the activities of current Exhibition Place tenants.

As such, we are requesting a deferral in the consideration of this item to allow for it to be considered in the context of broader plans and proposals.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer



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Managing Director



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