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Chair Layton and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council
City of Toronto
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of Committee:

***RE: TOcore: Updating Tall Building Setbacks in the Downtown – City-initiated Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendments
Toronto and East York Community Council Agenda Item TE17.14***

We are writing to respectfully request deferral of the above-noted item at the June 14th, 2016 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council.

As a stakeholder in a number of current and prospective development projects situated in Downtown Toronto, Diamond Corp. shares the City's commitment to responsible city-building and appreciates the opportunity to work collaboratively with the City throughout the review and implementation of TOcore.

Diamond Corp. shares the concerns expressed by the Building and Land Development Association (BILD) with respect to proposed OPA No. 352. By way of background, representatives from the City held two consultation meetings with BILD members. Members were provided a draft OPA to review at the second meeting, but not in advance, minimizing the opportunity for members to provide a thorough response.

We are concerned that the proposed policies may produce unforeseen and significant potential impacts on our developments; and in the absence of the proposed zoning by-law amendments, a full assessment of these impacts is not possible at this time.

We respectfully request members of Toronto and East York Community Council to defer a decision on Item TE17.14. As members of BILD, we are prepared to work with the City as partners in city building to come to a resolution on this significant step for TOcore, in a way that facilitates the successful and appropriate delivery of high density housing typologies in Downtown Toronto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lucy Cameron".

Lucy Cameron
Vice President
Diamond Corp.