

September 5, 2016



Toronto and East York Community Council

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Re: TEYCC Agenda Item TE18.7

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Dear Community Council Members

The Garment District Neighbourhood Association (GDNA) wishes to officially support the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments being considered at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Toronto & East York Community Council.

The GDNA speaks for residents living in the area bound by Queen West and King West, Spadina and Bathurst. Our particular fragment of Toronto's Downtown, a young, vibrant and community-oriented neighbourhood, has been witness to the effect of aggressive hi-rise development prevalent on the east side of Spadina and has no wish for such a blight to occur here. As a community, we are already experiencing the negative consequences of densification through loss of natural light, view and privacy in our homes, as well as unwanted shadowing impacts on streets, parks and open spaces with each new development.

It is the GDNA's opinion that the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendment is long overdue. If these TOcore recommendations are adopted, we will have some teeth when reviewing development applications and fighting OMB appeals.

Our over-riding objective, reflected in our corporation's mission statement, is to build and protect an attractive, inclusive, safe and sustainable community by:

- Being the voice for residents of the Garment District
- Being guardians of the District's historic and cultural character
- Working with the City, developers and businesses to resolve issues and enrich our community

Support of these proposed amendments is consistent with these GDNA goals.

Yours truly,



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