

January 27, 2017

Mayor John Tory
City Council
City of Toronto
100 Queen St. West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: Item PG17.4, Additional Staffing Resources for Development Application Review

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Toronto Entertainment District BIA to express support for Item PG17.4 which proposes additional staffing resources for development application review.

The Entertainment District is experiencing a surge of development that continues to transform a neighborhood of more than 25,000 residents, 17 million visitors annually and a workforce of 80,000. As we go through this exciting transformation, it is important that development be examined in-depth individually and holistically. We regard the development application review process as a key component to ensuring that sound recommendations from the City, BIA and community at large are considered for all development plans. To achieve this, it is critical that the City is adequately staffed to allow for an in-depth and timely assessment of all development proposals and feedback.

We fully support the allocation of funds from the City Planning Development Application Review Reserve Fund to allow for more human resources that are urgently needed.

Sincere regards,



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