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To: Clerk

Subject: My comments for 2017.TE23.92 on April 26, 2017 City Council

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To the City Clerk: Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 26, 2017 City Council meeting on item 2017.TE23.92, Traffic Control Signals - Richmond Street West and Simcoe Street I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google. Comments:

The intersection of Simcoe St. and Richmond Street West is the most dangerous pedestrian crossing in the Entertainment District. People traversing from Queen Street to Adelaide and King have no protection whatever, even road markings, as they hesitatingly attempt to judge the speed of oncoming westbound vehicles on Richmond or right turning cars from University. This is not a venture for the faint of heart or slow of foot. Similarly, vehicle drivers are at risk of hitting pedestrians making go or no-go decisions to dart across the street. Nearby buildings include the Shangri-La Hotel and Residences, and three condominium buildings, with active clientele. The Entertainment District is increasingly recognized as a pedestrian and transit-first zone. While cost and vehicle flow concerns are recognized and appreciated, public safety must be first priority. On behalf of the Entertainment District Residents Association (TEDRA), I urge approval of this submission, supported by our Community Committee.

Robert Lunney, Director, TEDRA