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Toronto Preservation Board City of Toronto 100 Queen Street West 2nd Floor, West Tower, City Hall Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Attn: Lourdes Bettencourt, Secretariat Contact

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto Preservation Board:

Re: Objection to Item TE28.12 - Inclusion of King-Spadina Contributing Properties on City's Heritage Registry 129 Spadina Avenue

We represent 1315994 Ontario Limited and Norseman Apartments Limited, the owners of 129 Spadina Avenue, which is included on the list of properties that Heritage Preservation Services has recommended be added to the City's Heritage Register.

Our clients' property at 129 Spadina Avenue was erroneously identified as a contributing property in the King-Spadina Heritage Conservation District Plan (the "HCD Plan"), as the property has been significantly renovated and in our submission has therefore not retained sufficient original heritage attributes to warrant its characterization as "contributing" in the HCD Plan. We note that the Statement of Contribution for the property contained in the HCD Plan provides no rationale or description of the property's heritage attributes nor explanation of the property's contribution to the HCD's cultural heritage value. Absent any additional information or research—one of which has been shared to date by the City—this recommendation comes forward without any justification.

On this basis, our clients ask that the Toronto Preservation Board refuse Heritage Preservation Services' recommendation that 129 Spadina Avenue be included on the City's Heritage Register.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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