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Chair and Members
Planning and Growth Management Committee
10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Dear Chair and Members of the Planning and Growth Management Committee:

RE: PG29.4 – TCore: Downtown Plan Official Plan Amendment

The Toronto Financial District BIA would like to thank City Planning Staff for their ongoing work and the opportunities for collaborative consultation throughout the TCore review process. We recognize and appreciate the efforts made to incorporate our feedback into the recommended plan, including directives that ensure a strong commercial core through the expansion of the Financial District planning boundaries to protect lands for commercial development around Union Station and measures to enhance the public realm and pedestrian experience. These directives are congruent with Financial District BIA principles, promoting a concentrated office core with enhanced PATH connectivity and encouraging transit as a primary mode of access.

Infrastructure capacity and resiliency is critical to ensuring success of implementing the TCore: Downtown Plan. Ensuring the required infrastructure is in place is necessary to promote success of the central business district and continued commercial competitiveness. The recommended plan includes specific energy and water infrastructure strategies and initiatives to support anticipated growth in the downtown core. **To meet demands for future growth intensification, it is critical that robust funding commitments for delivering these strategies and schedules for ongoing review of infrastructure capacity are in place.**

The Toronto Financial District BIA looks forward to continued engagement as TCore advances. Should you have any further questions, please contact Brodie Johnson, Planning and Advocacy Manager, at bjohnson@torontofinancialdistrict.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Humes".

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