June 1, 2018

Chair and Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
City of Toronto

Dear Councillors,

RE: Reduction and elimination of single-use plastics and black plastic containers

The Harbord Village Residents’ Association (“HVRA”) represents the neighbourhood bounded by the area south of Bloor Street West, west of Spadina Avenue, east of Bathurst Street, and north of College Street.

We are writing to you to support the initiative of the Toronto Environmental Alliance asking Toronto City Council’s Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to take action to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the use of single use plastics and other non-recyclable plastic containers. Given their non-biodegradable nature, these plastics are causing inordinate environmental pollution as they also cannot be recycled, and will remain in landfill sites for an extremely long time.

We ask the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to explore all options to eliminate, or at the very least, restrict the use of these forms of packaging.

Yours truly,

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Gaët Misra
Chair, Harbord Village Residents’ Association
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