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Dear Chair and Toronto and East York Community Council Members,

Re: Request for College Street West Study, Bathurst Street to Lansdowne Avenue

The stretch of College Street West, between Bathurst Street and Lansdowne Avenue, is unique in the City of Toronto as much of the original built form still remains.

The purpose of this City Planning review is to focus on the unique character of the Little Italy neighbourhood and the surrounding neighbourhood in order to effectively plan for new development that will complement the existing built form and heritage attributes.

The request for this review comes at a time when development pressure is making its way to College Street West. There is some urgency to this request because two parcels of land on the north side of College have recently been assembled for development. The eastern parcel is on the north-east corner of College and Palmerston, including properties on both College and Palmerston. The parcel to the west comprises 548 – 556 College, 373 – 379 Manning, and 400 Euclid. There is also a very large old brick barn behind the second parcel, along Alan Reynolds lane, which may be a candidate for heritage designation.

We therefore recommend that Toronto and East York Community Council:

- a)** Request the Senior Manager, Heritage Preservation Services research and evaluate the properties at 548 – 556 College, 373 – 379 Manning, 400 Euclid and the large brick barn behind these properties for inclusion on the City's Heritage Register and to report back to the Toronto and East York Community Council with the results of this evaluation;
- b)** Request the Director, Community Planning to conduct a review of development on College Street West between Bathurst Street and Lansdowne Ave, including an inventory of current applications and current development pressure in the area, and to work with the Director, Transportation Services to review potential streetscape improvements on College Street West in the context of current and future development proposals;
- c)** Request the Director, Community Planning and the Director, Urban Design, assess the applicable policy framework in the area and consider developing additional urban design and built form guidelines, including an assessment of heritage resources, to be used to inform the review of current and future development proposals, and to develop an understanding of what defines the character of the street;

In community,

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