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Ellen Devlin
Secretariat,
Toronto East York Community Council
2nd Floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: TE33.3 Changing Lanes: The City of Toronto's Review of Laneway Suites

Dear Ms. Devlin:

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA) represents the interests of almost 40,000 residents in the downtown core. This area is a fast-growing area of the City providing homes for an increasing number of families and individuals that contribute to the vitality of the City and the downtown core of more than 240,000 residents.

Please be advised that the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association fully supports the staff report for the above-mentioned item. Many of us have attended the community meetings and support this initiative. We have also worked with The Laneway Project on an initiative in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood.

This initiative fits into the TOcore Proposed Downtown Plan, public realm and amendment to the official plan. Laneways are an important addition to help with the housing shortage as well as activate laneways making them safe for everyday use.

Residential lanes in particular have the ability to become attractive public spaces and support interactive informal social interaction and play. Therefore, the SLNA recommends that the TEYCC adopt the proposed OP and Zoning Bylaw amendments to add to the toolkit of housing strategies and better use laneways to help a vibrant public realm.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Kavanagh,
Development Committee, SLNA

cc.

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SLNA Board of Directors