



Re: **TE34.31** 489-539 King Street West Zoning Amendment Application | **TEYCC 4 July 2018**

To the Chair and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council:

The Garment District Neighbourhood Association (GDNA) is a federal not-for-profit corporation with a mandate to build and promote an attractive, inclusive, safe and healthy community for those residents who live in the area bounded by west side of Spadina and east side of Bathurst, south side of Queen and north side of King.

This proposal for the south side of King Street sits, strictly speaking, just outside our association's catchment area. However, it will dominate the landscape as residents look south on Brant Street and provide a shopping destination as well as a pedestrian route to more southerly destinations. GDNA members and friends (those on our mailing list) have therefore taken an avid interest and made themselves available for all opportunities to meet with the developers, review their plans and voice our opinions.

As early as the first pre-application community consultation meeting in April 2016, residents have been excited by this application ... the furthest thing from the soul-less "glass box tower" so often submitted for approval. As the plans have morphed, we have appreciated many aspects of the design: the retention of heritage properties, public access into and through the site, the significant retail space and, of course, all that greenery.

At this writing we do not know what comments will be forthcoming from City Planning. But, whatever they might be, we hope that this bold and creative proposal will remain unscathed, that it will one day anchor the base of Brant Street and be a major part of our community experience.

Sincerely,

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