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

Re: TE 34.88 - University of Toronto St. George Campus - Official Plan Amendment Application - Status Report

The Grange neighbourhood is directly south of the St. George campus of the University of Toronto and is defined by the following borders – College, University, Queen and Spadina.

We have reviewed the report from City Planning regarding an updated Secondary plan for the University. http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.TE34.88

Through our participation on the City’s Liaison Committee, along with that of four other residents’ associations, we have raised questions about the University of Toronto’s assembly of properties in residential areas, in particular the Grange and Harbord Village.

We have noted that University developments adjacent to neighbourhoods are of a scale significantly larger than the University would permit on its own main campus. In fact, university officials have recently said that they view all of their properties outside of the current campus boundaries as part of the campus. This proposed institutional encroachment – and its related impact – is alarming.

The following position is endorsed by representatives of the Annex Residents’ Association (ARA) and the Harbord Village Residents’ Association (HVRA).

We request as part of the Secondary Plan review process that:

1. City Planning be requested to report on University of Toronto properties adjacent to the St. George campus and to report on the controls that are necessary to ensure conformity with existing Neighbourhood zoning.

2. City Planning be requested to report on mechanisms to enforce local zoning so that if/when the University acquires property in adjacent neighbourhoods that any exemptions, including uses relating to events and other activities that generally apply to universities, are not transferred with the University’s title to their off-campus neighbourhood holdings.

Thank you.

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