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Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall, Committee Room 1
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Dear Chair and Council Members,

Re: Realignment of Permit Parking Area "6G" to exclude 203 Jarvis Street

A growing concern for residents in the Garden District has been the impact of new development on available permit parking spaces within the 6G area. New condominiums are approved under the assumption that sufficient parking will be available on-site. However, the city has received and granted parking permits to residents in newly constructed buildings within the 6G area that were not specifically omitted.

Permit parking is meant primarily to allow residents who live in residential areas, where driveways and/or garages are not common, the ability to park their vehicle near their home. While underground parking is expensive to build, developers should be expected to provide enough capacity on site without impacting parking in the neighbourhood.

The 6G area has 100 parking spots. On average, 75 of those are permitted, which allows spaces for those with accessible parking permits and temporary permits for contractors and visitors. There are currently six active or approved development applications within the 6G area, potentially representing over 2,500 new residential units. If steps are not taken, residents in the Garden District risk losing their access to permit parking.

The development at 203 Jarvis Street - whose zoning was approved in 2018, and is currently undergoing site plan review - will contain 185 new dwelling units, with 49 parking spaces. This motion seeks to remove the ability of future residents of 203 Jarvis Street to obtain permit parking in the 6G area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council requests Transportation Services examine and report back to the Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of February 5, 2017 regarding the realignment of Permit Parking Area "6G" and the exclusion of the subject site, at 203 Jarvis Street, from the permit parking area.

Respectfully submitted,

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