RE: Support for Bloor Street United Church re-development – TE7.3 TEYCC June 25, 2019

Dear Councillors,

The Annex Residents Association (ARA) is supportive of the recommendation to approve the rezoning amendment application for 300 Bloor Street West and 478 Huron Street.

The final proposal before you came following seven all party working group meetings. This demonstrates the positive outcome that can be achieved when developers, the City and the community bring goodwill and maturity to reaching consensus on city building.

Indeed, we urge the City to encourage all developers and neighbourhoods to embrace the working group approach to facilitate compromises built on negotiation.

In the Annex, the working group approach was started by Councillor Vaughan, was embraced by Councillor Cressy and adopted by Councillor Layton. For a neighbourhood so often branded as NIMBY the Annex has, time and again, shown we are happy to be YIMBY when reasonable minds can work towards a common goal.

Sincerely,

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Cc – Rita Bilerman, Edward Leman