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To the City Clerk:

Please add this submission to the agenda of City Council consideration on Oct Oct 30, MM25.15 **Empowering Toronto with a City Charter**

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To City Council:

As an experienced heritage architect and urbanist who works for the future of this City, and on behalf of High Park Residents Association, I wish to express support for this motion (appended below) by Councillor Matlow.

Good **local** urban governance has been key to Toronto's past success and is critical now and for the future.

Especially Jane Jacobs' city, we need to create outlets for public action, such as this motion, when our daily lives are made absurd by ideologues and our City transformed by the lowest form of speculative development. We know Toronto must compete with beautiful cities around the world, to attract the brightest and best, by maintaining and generating our own great divers, urban places, not opening for short-term speculation. Even if one extends the city-as-wealth-generator (bi-coin miner) 'open-for-business" metaphor, if we continue with current short-term profit-taking we will kill this cash cow. Toronto, the ugly, will be unable to compete in the world and bankrupt dealing with an urban forest of crumbling temporary tall buildings.

Thank you,

acting chair, HPRA

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