



February 21, 2020

Councillor Jaye Robinson
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, Suite A12
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Robinson,

Re: Access Ramp Application
1560A Bayview Avenue

Please accept this letter in support of the application for the installation of an access ramp at 1560A Bayview Avenue.

At its meeting on February 10, 2020, the Bayview Leaside BIA Board of Management considered a presentation from Marissa Goldstein, the owner of a new business to be located on the lower level of the commercial property at 1560 Bayview Avenue, a prominent property within the BIA due to its corner location. The Board learned that part of the considerable improvements proposed for the property includes a ramp to allow for barrier-free access to the space, and that the ramp requires a minor encroachment into the City boulevard.

The lower level of 1560 Bayview Avenue has been vacant for several years. Part of the issue pertains to the current stair-only access to the space. The proposed access ramp resolves this issue and will greatly enhance the ability of the space to host, and maintain, a thriving business which is accessible to all residents and visitors to our area, without encroaching upon the adjacent public sidewalk.

As you know, vacant commercial space, especially those spaces that remain vacant for considerable periods of time, are extremely detrimental to the image and economic vitality of the City's retail main streets. Such spaces underperform in all economic metrics, including employment and tax revenue generation.

We respectfully request that you support the application for the access ramp at 1560 Bayview Avenue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Yours truly,

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Chair,
Bayview Leaside BIA Board of Management