



September 20, 2020

10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Nancy Martins

RE: PH16.10 Laneway Suites: Fire Access Requirements

Dear Chair Ana Bailão and Members, Planning and Housing Committee,

We appreciate the City's efforts to accommodate Laneway Housing as a new form of Infill housing. However Laneway Housing presents inherent fire safety risks related to lack of access. The response to fire safety risk in these circumstances should be determined by a fire professional, and not be subject to pressure from self-interests.

We simply offer this as a comment and a reminder that public safety should always be the overriding imperative over the desire of the development industry to create new market opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

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