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October 10, 2020

Toronto East York and Community Council  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
17th floor, East Tower  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

**RE: ABCRA comments for Agenda Items TE 19.2 and TE 19**

To Members of Council:

The ABC Residents Association represents Torontonians living within the boundaries of Avenue Rd. to the west, Bloor St. to the south, the CP tracks to the north, and Yonge St. to the east. We are a volunteer organization committed to enhancing the quality of life for all residents of our neighbourhood and city.

We are writing to express our opposition to the University of Toronto's Queen's Park project. Specifically, the proposed development is completely out of character with the scale, architectural heritage and cultural landscape of the Queen's Park Precinct.

We are also concerned that respected leaders in the community believe the University has engaged in self-promotion and seem to be using misleading illustrations that do not show the full mass of the building within its context while making it sound like the project is a fait accompli, when it is not. This is showing further disregard for the community and lack of stewardship of this important civic precinct.

We understand that the Preservation Board unanimously opposed this project and determined by unanimous vote that a comprehensive study of the Queen's Park cultural heritage district should be undertaken opposing the University's proposed development.

Thus, we encourage you to carefully consider the significance of the Queen's Park precinct before it is irrevocably altered to the detriment of future generations.

Sincerely,  
John Caliendo  
Ian Carmichael,  
Co-Chairs  
ABC Residents Association

CC: Councillor Mike Layton