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ATTN: Ms. Ellen Devlin (by e-mail: teycc@toronto.ca)

Dear Ms. Devlin:

**RE: 60 Mill Street - TEYCC Item TE 19.9 - October 15, 2020
Planning Application Number: 19 264586 STE 13 OZ**

We are sending this letter in support of the above referenced zoning bylaw amendment application. We are sending this letter because we believe strongly in this project. It is consistent with the development objectives of the City of Toronto. There is a need for new hotel projects and rooms in the City of Toronto. New hotel projects should be encouraged and supported by the City. Hotels in general are needed to support tourism and business travel and contribute significantly to the economic health of the City in addition to creating long term stable job opportunities.

Our Union represents numerous employers in many sectors across the province of Ontario including multiple collective agreements in the hotel and hospitality sector. We have 10 signed collective agreements with the Easton's Group, at several locations, representing hundreds of employees at various locations. We have an outstanding working relationship with the Easton's Group. One of the principal reasons for this is the consistent professionalism and courtesy shown to their employees.

Our Union will be the bargaining agent representing these new employees at the proposed hotel. The hotel will represent a significant number of employment opportunities in an area of Toronto that currently is an important tourism destination but is one without a hotel in the immediate vicinity. The establishment of a hotel in this area will also combat the unfortunate spread of Airbnb accommodations so prevalent in condominium developments which are undermining the hotel and hospitality sectors of

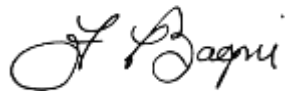
the economy. The creation of a 392 room hotel represents a very significant investment, and will lead to the creation of 400 or more jobs, as well as millions of dollars of revenue in the form of accommodation and property tax.

We also respectfully submit that the goals and objectives of this project are consistent with the 2020 provincial policy statement referenced in the Application. We respectfully submit that the proposal is consistent with the efficient use and management of land and infrastructure. It ensures opportunity for job creation, appropriate transportation and infrastructure is available, and includes the conservation of a heritage resource.

In closing, it is in the best interest of the City, our current members and future members that this project receive City support. We strongly urge you to support this Application and future applications that will grow and support our members in the hospitality and tourism industry.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns in relation to this matter.

Your truly,



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