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Citizens for the Old Town **Corktown Residents & Business** Association **Distillery Historic District Dixon Hall** Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Foundation **Executive Committee** City Councillors Friends of Corktown Common Toronto City Hall Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association Toronto ON M5H 2N2 Little Trinity Anglican Church Dear Mayor and Councillors: St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA Re.: EX27.6 – Next Phase of Waterfront Revitalization St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

We trust you are well aware of the intense interest the West Don Lands Committee has in Waterfront Revitalization and in the continuing work of Waterfront Toronto as the agency mandated by three levels of government to lead as Master Planner for Toronto's waterfront. We urge you to endorse the directions implied and recommendations expressed in the above-noted report – to conduct consultation the next phase of waterfront revitalization; to set Waterfront Toronto's fundraising foundation on a more sustainable grounding; and to direct work on planning the Port Lands and Villiers Island that clarifies the roles and working relationships of Waterfront Toronto, CreateTO and city staff.

We are a coalition of residents', business and civil society organizations that represent communities with an interest in the emerging hub of the West Don Lands and adjacent regeneration areas in the eastern waterfront. The West Don Lands is the first precinct to have been master planned by Waterfront Toronto, and our members have served on countless consultation committees, community advisory bodies and stakeholder groups. We have deputed and advocated from an engaged community perspective to Toronto City Council and to Members of Parliament and Ministers of the Crown at all three levels for more than 25 years.

We are prepared to continue our role as community stakeholders and advocates. After decades of frustrating inaction, the work of Waterfront Revitalization has experienced a very successful first 20 years. This work continues on a solid institutional foundation with support from senior levels of government and an engaged public. We urge Council to continue this work with clear and collaborative support for the role and work of Waterfront Toronto as new challenges on the Waterfront are identified and addressed with broad public participation.

Yours truly,

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