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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

TE23.29 - Residential Demolition Application - 127 Strachan Avenue (Ward 10)

I am writing on behalf of the Panel to urge councillors to refuse the application to demolish the existing 3-storey mixed use building because there is no permit to replace the building on the site at this time; and move to list this building on the heritage register and conduct an evaluation under Ontario Regulation 9/06.

127 Strachan Avenue has sat at the southeast corner of Adelaide Street West and Strachan Ave virtually unchanged since 1878. The Second Empire style building was commissioned by grocer John H. Meyers and designed by prominent Scottish-Canadian architect David Brash Dick. Dick built extensively throughout Toronto, designing institutional, commercial, ecclesiastical, and residential buildings which shaped much of early Toronto's built landscape. 127 Strachan Ave. is one of the architect's earliest designs.

An evaluation under Ontario Regulation 9/06 will confirm this building's design, associative and contextual value.

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