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**Importance:** High

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## To the Toronto and East York Community Council

City of Toronto Agenda Item – April 21, 2021

2021.TE24.14 - Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register - Queen Street East - Leslieville Properties

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We are the owners of the property situated at 825 Queen Street East, Toronto, Ontario, a 20,000 square foot typical brick and beam building built in 1915. We have operated our business from these premises for thirty-two years.

We recently learned that the City intends to add our property to the Heritage Register as part of a neighbourhood wide survey process sweeping some 56 properties, most of which are unremarkable and typical in the Leslieville neighbourhood and across the city. Our property was mentioned in previous submissions as an example of how this designation runs counter to other planning priorities.

We do not feel our property should be included in the Heritage Registry and even though we do not have plans to develop or sell the property at this time, we do know that with its proximity to the planned Ontario line, it would be a prime location to redevelop to meet the City of Toronto's housing densification objectives should we ever decide to develop the property in the future. There was minimal consultation on this broad-brush sweep and the Urban Design/Heritage Planning Committee failed to properly consult with us and other affected property owners or consider how branding buildings this way could impair the City's planning objectives particularly around housing.

We object to our building being added to the registry and will be reaching out to our councillor Paula Fletcher and Councillor Mike Layton who attended the March 24 Heritage Planning meeting to discuss this matter in more detail. We will also be seeking professional and legal advice on this matter. As a bare minimum, this matter should be deferred to enable property owners to seek further advice on the implications of this move to sweep so many properties on to the Heritage Register without sufficient consultation.

Yours truly,

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