



June 28, 2022

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Ellen Devlin

**RE: TE 34.8 - University of Toronto St George Campus Secondary Plan –
Official Plan Amendment Application – Final report**

Dear Councillor Gord Perks, Chair, and Members of Community Council,

We request the following change regarding: OPA Section 5 Managing Growth,
(Attachment 2, page 15), in order to ensure the continued protection of the **Bloor
Street West Character Area**, an important landmark in central Toronto.

5.11 Development within the Bloor Street West Character Area

Delete section 5.11.d

d. at the intersection of Bloor Street West and Queen's Park, include compatible low-scale institutional buildings and mid-scale institutional buildings only, which will reinforce and enhance the significant and sensitive gateway location and will transition from the taller institutional elements and generally higher scale permitted elsewhere along Bloor Street West to the Queen's Park Character Area with its generous parks and open spaces and generally lower scale;

and replace with

'd. The south side of the intersection of Bloor Street West and Queen's Park, is unique in that it is on the boundary of different character areas. Commercial uses in this area respond to the Bloor Street Character Area and at the same time include significant low-scale heritage institutional buildings (Lillian Massey and the heritage portion of the ROM) which must remain without additional development on the footprint of these buildings. This will reinforce and enhance this important and sensitive gateway location.

Transition to taller elements and generally higher scale are permitted elsewhere along Bloor Street West.

We are pleased to note that Victoria University, the landowner, has no issue with the revised wording as proposed.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of, and with the support of local residents and residents associations.

Yours truly,

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Cc: Annex Residents Assn

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