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Re : TE32.7 - 221, 225 and 227 Sterling Road

Dear Councillors,

In advance of the May 20, 2026, City Council vote on the Rental Housing Demolition application for 221, 225, and 227 Sterling Road – Sterling Studio Lofts, the Canadian Society of Decorative Arts/Cercle des Arts Décoratifs (CSDA/CCAD) urges you to pause or reject this demolition permit.

The CSDA/CCAD, a national organization, visited the Brothers Dressler Studio during its annual Symposium on September 26, 2025. All of our delegates, from Toronto and beyond, were extremely impressed not only by the Dressler space but also by the entire 100-year-old industrial complex, which has been beautifully and gently adapted to host a vibrant collection of arts-related businesses.

We are astonished that the City of Toronto would consider permitting the demolition of such an important site, a prime example of adaptive reuse and a cultural jewel in the heart of Toronto's art hub, especially given that many questions remain about the process and tenant compensation.

We ask that you reconsider the destruction of one of Toronto's last live-work arts communities. Once a City loses its heart, what is left?

Sincerely,

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