



**Grange Community Association**

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To: Toronto City Council

Re: MM 39.53 **Protecting Chinatown as a Cultural District**

**The Grange Community Association is generally in support of actions to support the businesses in Chinatown.**

**However we have reservations about the following recommendations:**

‘4.City Council recognize West Chinatown and the remaining strip of First Chinatown as the Chinatown Cultural District, an area of cultural significance and importance to the City of Toronto.

5. City Council direct the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, in consultation with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, and the Executive Director, Development Review, to consider additional resources necessary as part of the 2027 Budget to prepare a draft Cultural District Plan for Chinatown.’

In the Secondary Plan for South East Spadina, specific heritage designations were provided for properties along Dundas Street from Spadina to University Avenue. Unfortunately, these protections were not carried forward.

The properties along Dundas Street east of Beverley, contain several buildings which contain galleries, housing services, as well as properties owned by the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), Toronto Community Housing (TCH) and the Italian Consulate that are not specifically related to Chinatown. This strip could benefit from a targeted heritage review and should not be included in the above proposal.

**We urge City Council to refine the proposal and to prepare a heritage study for Dundas Street from Beverley to University Avenue.**

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