



**Grange Community Association**

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To: TEYCC

Re: TE 31.20 **Chinatown Tomorrow Planning Initiative - Proposals Report**

In our letter to City Council regarding 39.53 **Protecting Chinatown as a Cultural District**, we noted the following and indicated our reservations about:

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.'

We noted that the previous Secondary Plan for South East Spadina, specific heritage designations were provided for properties along Dundas Street from Spadina to University Avenue. 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.

**The Grange Community Association has not been consulted about the staff proposals.**

**Please ensure that the FULL heritage of the Grange Community is respected including the Black, Jewish, Polish histories.**

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