



January 22, 2014

Re: Committee of Adjustment Application for 155 Dundas East

To: Chair and Committee Members, Committee of Adjustment, Toronto and East York District

I am writing as president of the Garden District Residents Association (GDRA) to express our opposition to the application to the Committee of Adjustment for an additional two storeys (from 43 to 45) by the developer of 155 Dundas East.

It is important to recognize that the 43-storey height approved by Council last year was agreed to after an extensive and highly charged public consultation and working group process. The GDRA was an active participant in this process, and we have direct knowledge of the discussions that led to the agreement for 43 storeys.

The request for an additional two storeys is a blatant attempt to circumvent the agreements made during the working group process. To approve the adjustment would effectively undermine the public consultation process in general and the agreement arrived at through this consultation specifically.

We expect that the argument will be made that the addition of two more storeys is a minor and inconsequential adjustment that local residents should not be concerned about. In response, we would suggest that *denying* such a "minor" adjustment would therefore have an equally limited impact on the developer. The size of the adjustment is essentially beside the point. What matters is the principle of maintaining the integrity of the consultation process.

The board of the Garden District Residents Association hopes that you agree with our position and oppose the application. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours very truly,

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