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Madame Chairman:

## SUBJECT: TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE

When we were approached in the Autumn of 2015 to appoint a representative to the Town and Gown Committee as per the Committee's Terms of Reference, we expressed our concern that, given the Committee's mission -- to develop and enhance relationships and communication among the City of London, Fanshawe College, London Police and Fire Services, Western University, residents, students and landlords -- we would not be able to make a meaningful contribution to the table.

In the interest of cooperation, we did, however, agree to send on a trial basis our Director of Communications, Melissa Hardy-Trevenna, who has sat on the City's Housing Advisory Committee as a Resource Member for over a decade.

After attending a number of meetings of the Town and Gown Committee and in consultation with me, we have determined that the work of this Committee lies outside our purview and that our continued representation on the Committee will not be helpful or fruitful. For those reasons, we respectfully withdraw from the Committee, with many thanks for having considered us.

Sincerely,

LONDON AND ST. THOMAS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

> E.L. (Betty) Doré, Chief Executive Officer