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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON
City Hall
300 Dufferin Avenue
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Attention: **CHAIR AND MEMBERS PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Dear Chair and Members:

Re: 199 Queens Avenue - Farhi Holdings Corporation

We are the lawyers for Farhi Holdings Corporation with respect to the above-noted property.

Committee will have before it at Monday nights meeting a Recommendation from the City Planner with respect to the demolition of 199 Queens Avenue. The City Planner and Staff are not advising designation of the Building under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. This recommendation is consistent with the London Advisory Committee on Heritage.

The Planner's recommendation is consistent with the fair approach to consider demolition of the building separate from the redevelopment of adjacent lands.

On behalf of Farhi Holdings Corporation we ask that the Committee recommend to Council that Council reconsider its deferral of a decision to issue a Demolition Permit.

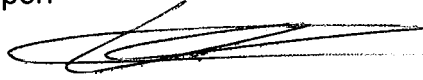
Mr. Farhi has expressed the clear intent to move forward with an important development proposal that will greatly benefit the downtown including the preservation of many heritage buildings. In the interim, until such a development proceeds Farhi Holdings Corporation will co-operate with the City and Staff on appropriate steps for the creation of a temporary surface parking area while the City moves forward with its own process to consider development of its lands at 185 Queens Avenue.

In the circumstances, this is an imminently fair and reasonable approach in the revitalization of many important heritage buildings and further residential intensification in the downtown.

Yours truly

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