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Subject: Designation of 123 Wynford Drive as a property of cultural heritage value or interest

Tribunal Case no. OLT-23-000355

Dear Mr. Patel,

We understand that Council for the City of Toronto intends to designate the property at 123 Wynford Drive as one of cultural value or interest. We further understand that certain property developers have launched an appeal to the province to prevent this designation.

I write to you as the president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC). As its name implies, NAJC is the only national organization in Canada representing the Japanese Canadian community. It is comprised of 20 Japanese Canadian organizations across Canada, including 5 in Ontario.

NAJC agrees with and supports the decision of Council for the City of Toronto to designate the property at 123 Wynford Drive as a property of cultural heritage value or interest. NAJC strongly believes that the reasons for the designation as set out in the July 25, 2023 Notice of Intention to Designate the Property far outweigh the commercial interests of this particular and any future property developer. We trust that the review tribunal, upon review of all salient arguments, will come to the same conclusion and uphold the decision of the City of Toronto Council.

Yours sincerely,

Les Kojima

President, National Association of Japanese Canadians