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Fatima Scagnol, Corporate Secretary
The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place
200 Princes' Blvd.
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Dear Ms. Scagnol:

The Board of Governors, of which I have been a member for the past six years, was informed by letter of April 8th of my decision to accept the commission from HKH to design their Hotel at Exhibition Place. Since then I always declared a conflict during the meetings of the Board that had in its agenda this item.

The presentation made at the public/community meeting on Sept 14th, 2009 made me realize that during the ensuing months this project will require my extensive professional commitment as well as that of the design team. Furthermore the planning process will involve staff of Exhibition Place, staff from various departments of the City and subsequently final approvals from the Board of Governors and City Council. Although by law it is sufficient to declare a conflict, the perception of the law is another matter. I do not want members and staff in any shape or form to be influenced or perceived to be influenced by my presence on the Board. As a result I deem it appropriate to resign from the Board of Governors effective immediately.

I have been privileged to work as a volunteer with the members of the Board and senior management. To all I wish to convey my appreciation for their cooperation and their dedication. Exhibition Place plays an extraordinary role in the well being of the City of Toronto and it has been an honour to be part of the achievements during my tenure: i.e. BMO Field, Allstream Centre and environmental and conservation initiatives .

Please circulate to the all members of the Board and take whatever action necessary to implement this request.

Sincerely,



Rocco Maragna

cc. Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, Chair Board of Governors, Exhibition Place
Ms. Dianne Young, CEO Exhibition Place

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