CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT | 2027 – 2030 TERM | GERRARD INDIA BAZAAR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

BOARD NOMINATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Gerrard India Bazaar BIA, established in 1982, is one of Toronto's oldest Business Improvement Areas representing businesses and commercial property owners along Gerrard Street East from Coxwell Avenue to Glenside Avenue and works to support a vibrant, welcoming and economically strong district through marketing, events, streetscape and public-realm improvements, business support, advocacy and community partnerships. Governed by Chapter 19 of the City of Toronto's Municipal Code, the GIBBIA is an arm's-length agency of the City with a volunteer Board of Management comprising 8 Directors and 1 City Councillor. The term of office spans four (4) years and aligns with the Municipal Election cycle.

The BIA is now inviting eligible members and representatives to put their names forward for the 2027–2030 Board of Management and help shape the BIA's next chapter. This volunteer leadership role is an opportunity to bring your experience, perspective and ideas to the table and help advance the interests of the BIA. Through this application, please share why you are a strong candidate for the Gerrard India Bazaar BIA Board of Management. Your responses should demonstrate a genuine interest in the BIA and indicate how your experiences and skills would be of value to the Board. Please note that the brief biography, summary of qualifications, and photograph that you provide will be shared with the BIA membership in advance of the Board's election at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2026.

For more information about Business Improvement Areas in the City of Toronto, please visit: www.toronto.ca

For more information about the Gerrard India Bazaar BIA, please visit: www.gibbia@gerrardindiabazaar.com

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Tuesday, November 10, 2026 @ 5:00 PM	8 BIA Member Directors + 1 City Councillor	2027–2030

WHO CAN JOIN THE BOARD

- Be a BIA member as a commercial property owner or business tenant, or a representative appointed in writing by a BIA member.
- Be able to commit time to Board meetings and occasional BIA events or committee work.
- Bring a district-wide perspective and be prepared to put the interests of the BIA ahead of individual interests.
- Demonstrate leadership, stewardship, collaboration and constructive decision-making.
- Bring useful skills, experience or community knowledge. Previous board experience is an asset but is not required.
- If elected, complete the City of Toronto's mandatory online training required to serve as a Board member.

Please complete all sections of this form and submit the signed nomination package by the BOARD NOMINATION DEADLINE: **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 5:00 PM.** Late nominations will **NOT** be accepted.

The Board election will take place at the BIA Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2026. Nominations will **NOT** be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION TO THE GIBBIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

- Complete and sign the attached form, including Statement of Interest, Summary of Skills and Professional Qualifications, Experience, Boar Readiness, and a clear Headshot
- Submit the completed and signed package by no later than **5pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.**
- Submit the package via email to: Tasneem Bandukwala | gibbia@gerrardindiabazaar.com

SECTION A | NOMINEE & BUSINESS INFORMATION

Nominee's Name	**Nominee's Relationship to the BIA** ☐ Business Property Owner ☐ BIA Representative ☐ Business Property Tenant
Business / Property Represented	
Business Address (Street Number, Street Name, Suite/Unit Number, City/Town, Province, Postal Code)	
Telephone Number	**Email Address**

NOTE: If you are a BIA Representative, please attach written authorization letter from the BIA member you are representing.

SECTION B | NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY & STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Provide a brief description (of no more than 130 words) about yourself and your interest in serving on the Gerrard India Bazaar BIA Board of Management. Please be sure to address all of the following:

- Why you are interested in serving as a director on the Board
- Any relevant qualifications, skills, or experiences that make you a good fit for the position
- Any previous board or community involvement (including any participation on BIA subcommittees)
- What you would like the Board to achieve in the next four (4) years

SECTION C | SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Select up to three (3) areas where you believe you can bring the greatest value to the Board:

☐ Accounting / Finance	☐ Restaurant / Hospitality
☐ Budgeting	☐ Small Business Operations
☐ Marketing / Advertising	☐ Community Engagement
☐ Public Relations / Communications	☐ Arts / Culture / Tourism
☐ Event Planning	☐ Streetscape / Public Realm
☐ Legal / Governance	☐ Government / Stakeholder Relations
☐ Real Estate / Property	☐ Digital / social media
☐ Retail	☐ Other: _____

SECTION D | BOARD READINESS & COMMITMENT

Please check each statement to confirm your understanding and readiness to serve:

☐ I'm willing to bring unique skill sets or experiences of value

☐ I will bring energy, constructive ideas and a collaborative approach to the work of the Board.

☐ I am willing to prepare for and attend Board meetings and participate in committee or BIA activities when needed.

☐ I have demonstrated good leadership and stewardship through industry or community involvement

☐ I have strong communications and interpersonal skills (i.e., the abilities to work well as part of a team, contribute reasoned opinions, and to accept and support decisions reached by the Board)

☐ I can set aside personal or individual business interests and work toward the betterment of the BIA as a whole.

☐ I will contribute respectfully, consider different viewpoints and support decisions reached by the Board.

☐ I will disclose potential conflicts of interest and follow the Board's governance requirements.

☐ I have previous board experience

☐ If elected, I will complete the City of Toronto's mandatory online training required to serve as a Board member.

SECTION E | CANDIDATE PHOTO & MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATION

Please attach a recent photo of yourself. The biography/statement of interest, summary of qualifications and photograph you provide may be shared with the BIA membership in advance of the Board election.

ATTACH PHOTO HERE	**Nomination package checklist** ☐ Completed and signed nomination form ☐ Nominee biography / statement of interest (maximum 130 words) ☐ Recent nominee photograph ☐ Written authorization, if applying as a BIA Representative

SECTION F | DECLARATION

☐ I certify that the information provided in this nomination is accurate. I understand the expectations of this volunteer position and, if elected, I can commit the time and effort required to serve on the Gerrard India Bazaar BIA Board of Management for the 2027–2030 term.

☐ I also understand that the candidate information identified above may be shared with the BIA membership in connection with the Board election.

Nominee Signature **Date**

Print Name

SECTION G | SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

- Submit the completed and signed Board Nomination package before **5pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.**
- Submit the package via email to: Tasneem Bandukwala | gibbia@gerrardindiabazaar.com
- Suggested email subject: Board Nomination – [Nominee Name]
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QUESTIONS?

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