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MEDIA RELEASE

New gallery exhibition highlights perilous effects of escalating commercial property taxes on small business

TORONTO, ON – Escalating commercial property taxes resulting from “highest and best use” commercial property valuations are putting unprecedented strain on all kinds of small businesses in Toronto’s downtown core. **TAXED OUT** is a new gallery exhibition from the Ryerson City Building Institute that uses photos, stories and data to illustrate the threat of rising property taxes to small businesses, and asks “can Toronto’s retail main streets survive?”

The exhibition starts today, September 10, and runs to December 14 at the Urbanspace Gallery within 401 Richmond. The exhibition will be launched on Wednesday, September 12 with a reception and panel discussion with experts on the issue **Kristyn Wong-Tam** ([Toronto City Council Candidate](#)), **LoriAnn Girvan** (Chief Operating Officer, [Artscape](#)), **Mark Garner** (Executive Director, [Downtown Yonge BIA](#)), **Peter Tomlinson** (tax policy expert) and **Rob Sysak** (Executive Director, [West Queen West BIA](#)).

The exhibition features photography by [Vik Pahwa](#) and design by [Spacing](#). More information is available on the Ryerson CBI’s website at www.citybuildinginstitute.ca/portfolio/taxed-out/.

DETAILS

TAXED OUT

September 10 to December 14
Urbanspace Gallery, 401 Richmond St. West
Gallery hours: www.urbanspacegallery.ca
FREE to the public

Exhibition Launch

September 12, 6 PM to 8 PM
Urbanspace Gallery, 401 Richmond St. West
FREE to the public; seating by RSVP

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MEDIA INQUIRIES

Media are invited to attend. Advance interviews may be arranged. Direct all media inquiries to:

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