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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Development on Beaverbrook Ave

April 20th, 2024

You have my consent to publish this content on the agenda for the Tuesday April 23rd 2024 council meeting. I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing to follow up on my previous correspondence dated March 5th, 2024, regarding the proposed 25-storey condominium development opposite my residence at Beaverbrook Avenue.

Since my last letter, I have engaged with numerous neighbors who share my concerns about the scale of this project and its implications for our community. I attended and spoke at the City Planning Meeting on April 9th. The lack of support and interest of 4 out of 5 of the members of council was disappointing to say the least. The planners answering questions did not seem to be well prepared with good answers for our concerns.

We have observed that there was essentially no willingness to address the critical issues raised, including infrastructure adequacy, pedestrian safety, and potential devaluation of our properties.

Our concerns are further exacerbated by recent developments in similar projects across the city, where residents are facing problems that were overlooked during planning stages, leading to contentious outcomes for all stakeholders involved. It is imperative for the future health of our neighborhood that we learn from these precedents.

Therefore, we respectfully request the following actions be taken as a matter of urgency:

Organize a Community Consultation Meeting: We propose a meeting be scheduled at the earliest convenience to involve all stakeholders. This forum will be vital for transparently discussing the impacts of the development and exploring compromises that respect community needs and developmental goals.

Conduct a Comprehensive Traffic and Environmental Impact Study: Given the scale of the proposed project, it is crucial to reassess its impact with detailed studies that consider the unique layout and needs of our neighborhood. Review and Adjust the Proposed Scale of Development: We advocate for a reduction in the scale of the development or a redesign that aligns better with the existing architectural ethos and capacity of our area.

The collective voice of our community is a testament to the deep-seated concerns that deserve serious consideration and prompt action. Development should not only focus on building homes but also fostering a sustainable and supportive environment for existing residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust we can count on your support and action to ensure that the development reflects the concerns and needs of those who will be most affected by it.

Looking forward to your prompt response and to a constructive dialogue that honors the spirit and integrity of our community.

Warm regards,

Megan Felker