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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: 560/562 Wellington Street

Dear Councillor Fyfe-Millar,

Congratulations on your appointment to Council. However, I am disappointed at the process in which you were chosen because the process was undemocratic.

I am writing to tell you to reject the development at 560 and 562 Wellington St. Your absence at the public participation meeting was noted and it is inferred that you intend to vote in favour of this development. You can vote in favour if you wish but you will be held to account by residents who perceive this development as inappropriate and a distortion of what is considered good planning principles at this location.

Even further, it is seen as a 'nudge nudge wink wink' agreement with Auburn Development who just finished a land swap in North London with Councillor Josh Morgan. In a CTV interview last Friday with Councillor Morgan that very sentiment was raised by the reporter who asked Councillor Morgan whether he owed Auburn a 'favour'. He wouldn't have asked that question if it wasn't already out there. Think about that for one moment.

Councillor Morgan self-righteously stated that he won't even consider the development without a significant concession by Auburn Development for a 30% reduction in rental fees which Councillor Morgan believes is affordable housing.

It is insulting to even suggest that a 30% reduction in a luxury rental fee is even remotely affordable to any person riddled with anxiety about where they are going to live once they receive an eviction notice. If you think residents living in the core whose neighbours are people living in doorways and tolerate waves of petty crime from desperate addicts are going to accept a superficial agreement to approve this development in exchange for a pittance of unaffordable units, then you don't understand just how frustrated residents have become with a council that makes decisions on a whim and throws established good planning principles out the door.

Finally, this development triggered the Victoria Park Secondary Plan in which residents participated in good faith. That process was delayed because of the outbreak of the Covid virus. Auburn is jumping ahead of that process and it is disrespectful to residents. That alone should be enough reason to say no to the proposal next week.

Sincerely,

AnnaMaria Valastro

CC: Council Members, Residents of Ward 13