

First off I'd like to share my appreciation to the process being able to share my concerns as a Burlington Resident and Tax Payer. Like others here I share concern with the purposed building of TWO 19 storey towers on Thomas Alton Boulevard. We all have many concerns with this projected build, some of which are related to the increased density in the area, which will then spark the need for school rezoning and boundary reviews. As my neighbors have all shared we have several concerns of how this development will affect the Alton Village Residents and influence the Orchard residents as well.

For many of us here today, our main concern is with the safety of our children. Their safety will be affected by the increased traffic on our community streets. Our childrens personal safety and mental safety is at risk!

The current state of traffic during school hours, pre-and post is exceptionally heavy already and additional traffic from the purposed 612 units will create conflict and congestion. It will force many parents to drive their children to school because of our concern for their safety. The existing narrow sidewalks and inability to navigate through the community has already made taking a simple left-hand turn near impossible. Many of us have witnessed frustrated drivers taking u-turns in the middle of an intersection or driving aggressively to access the main through way.

I've lived in Burlington for 22 years, I moved here from Mississauga in hopes of a better place to raise my family. I was born and raised in St. John's and branched onto Ontario in my university years. I left Mississauga because of the feeling one gets from a cement city and I CHOSE Burlington because of the calling of the beautiful

escarpment, for the feeling of community and the safety that I can offer my family.

Mississauga is a city with little character where high density and overpopulation pushed me out and I moved to a beautiful city that I now call home.

What I'm asking from each of you today is to take careful consideration when placing your vote on this development. It will forever affect not only Alton Village but also the city of Burlington as a whole. If you support it, You will be setting precedent to say to developers to come to YOUR city and to make a fast buck at our expense.

WE all understand that there is a need for growth in a city, however there's a greater responsibility to growth! IT is to our current residents and THE GROWTH of future generations, OUR Kids!

I'm a resident, a homeowner and patron of Burlington, BUT most importantly a Mother!

A mother of two Children and like many of us that I represent here today, we chose Burlington because it is a safe place to raise our families. We chose Burlington, specifically Alton Village with full knowledge that the city will grow BUT that it would be within the current approved zoning.

WE want our children to build character, confidence and independence into their Adult Hood. These Charactics can only develop when a child feels safe and secure. Part of building a Childs development and confidence comes from independence. A simple act of walking to and from school allows a child to gain so much, as well encourages them to keep an active lifestyle.

I would like for you to review the submitted

letter from Dr. Sujay Patel. His professional credentials are that HE is the Assistant clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Medical Director of Specified Mental Health at Grand River Hospital.

He states, that in his professional opinion that children with any vulnerability are at high risk of worsening symptoms when faced with change and stress to their environment. HE is specific to relating his opinion on how a sudden change or forced displacement of schools would have a negative impact on these children.

I also ask that you reference the two letters that are provided by the Halton District School Board's Planner: Michelle D'Augiliar. These letters state that there will be no guarantee of attendance to existing students of Alton Village Public School, Orchard Public School and Hayden Public School. It is noted that these schools are at

capacity in these buildings as well as existing portables.

Dr. Patel also references in his letter and validates that if a child has a change in routine, be it the benefits of exercise than this can affect the child's mental state and development as well.

Simply, a child has a natural right to walk to school and to benefit from activity as well as to grow in a social environment that they can thrive in. Don't take that right away from them!

IT seems unjust to displace students and also to minimize or stop activity such as walking to school. Parents will, We will! In fear of our children's safety from the expected traffic spike that this development will have on our community.

Granted, some children can champion

change and adversity BUT some cannot,

WE have over 1700 collective elementary students and 1400 high school students that will be affected by the build in this area of Burlington. We all feel that we need to advocate on our children's behalf and secure their development and assist them to navigate through their own journey of growing up.

What I'm asking of each of you is to choose carefully when you vote for **or against** the 19 story development and realize that if you vote in support of this build, that you are making a loud statement that you are looking past the rights of a child to thrive in their community and simply to be able to choose to walk and play safely in their neighborhood and community.

YOU need to help shape the next generation in Burlington.

In Closing I want to share with you that many concerned residents gathered on December 1 at Haber recreational centre to gain insight on the development and ask questions of the City planners of why they made favorable recommendations. We wanted to understand why they might feel that purposed changes to the site plan were adequate enough for the developer to continue to build. A site map was shared, as well as the specific changes to the original proposal made to council from the developers.

WE heard about, building architecture changes to create more green space around the circumference of the two buildings, the changes that addressed the shadowing of the building on existing homes as well as site line to the sky. What was addressed was the visual appearance of the building.

None of these changes will assist our concern to traffic safety or re zoning of schools. They will not assist our children with their ability to walk independently to school or to continue to develop on their own natural path.

We all can appreciate the visibility of blue skies however, we all know that our children don't walk or play in the sky!!!!

We need your support to shape Burlington's future. Help us keep Our children's feet on the ground and only keep their ability to Dream sky-high.

Thank you for your time and consideration.