

Good evening Chairman, Councillors, Staff and Everyone who has taken the time to be here.

My name is Mỳ (May) Dang and I live in Ward 2, in the downtown core. I am here also speaking on behalf of my neighbour, Karen Kearsy-Carter, who also lives on the same street and is not able to attend.

First off, thank you for giving Burlington residents, such as myself, this opportunity to voice our concerns on matters that have direct impact on us. This is one of the many differentiators of this city and why I love living here.

I am here tonight to echo the concerns of the rate of overintensification especially in the downtown core. While much work went into the drafting of the proposed Official Plan and while many residents were engaged in this process at various time points, the very fact that there are two rooms full of people this evening as well as good representation this afternoon, most of them sharing their concerns of this Plan, speaks to the need for Councillors to reconsider their proposal. I am therefore, supporting Councillor Marianne Meed Ward's recommendations to delay the approval of the Plan until after the 2018 municipal election and to remove the anchor mobility hub classification of the downtown core.

Many of my technical points have already been made by previous delegations before me and so I will not reiterate these. What I would like to share are my personal sentiments as these should also bear great consideration since it is the happiness of the people that ultimately make a city amazing.

Just a little background on myself. Seven years ago, my husband and I moved to Burlington for my work and we fell in love with the downtown core for its small-town feel. People in this area still greet every passerby and open doors to their neighbours. I am one of the lucky few who get to live, work and go to school in Burlington. Last year, our city was ranked second in all of Ontario and ninth overall by MoneySense predominantly, for the healthy population growth, low crime rates and good weather.

Since we are on track for the city's growth targets, I urge city councillors to evaluate the collective impact of individual development projects in each ward, and especially in the downtown core. Allowing a 23-story building to pass on Brant and James was a decision made uniquely for this site. However, when there are five additional development projects within the same ward targeted for the next few years on top of those developments that have recently been built, you completely change what was

once deemed healthy. You risk tipping the balance by pushing forth on development plans that don't consider all the negative impact that comes with extremely populated communities with insufficient supporting amenities. Most importantly, you change the environment that residents, such as myself, most love. Please listen to those that live in this city for we are the people who elect you and we are the people who you should be representing. A majority of us have all taken the time to come here in critical mass to request delaying the Official Plan approval and to reconsider the designation of the downtown core as an anchor mobility hub. We urge you to listen and not to rush into commitments that will change all the aspects that current residents love most about living here.

I thank you for your time.

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