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Planning and Development
File no. 505-01/18 & 520-01/18
To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to an application that has been made by the City of Burlington to build high rise buildings right in the downtown core. If this application is approved, Kelly's and other incredible businesses that contribute to the unique and charming character of the city will be forced out.

I strongly believe that replacing the unique stores with housing would destroy the amazing entertainment and businesses that the current downtown offers. Kelly's Bake Shoppe is unique as it offers great service and accommodates for food sensitivities, making it a place many visit frequently. People travel a great distance to visit Kelly's and patiently wait in line because it's worth it! This business is bringing people into our city - forcing them to leave would be a poor decision. Everyone who is recommended to Kelly's have visited and were raving about the entire experience. It is not solely about finding some Vegan treats - these I can find at most stores - it is about the entire experience.

I believe that if you accept the application to replace these businesses with housing, you essentially would be destroying a beauty and charm of Burlington's downtown, which lies in the unique stores that line the streets. I honestly believe that there are many locations that housing can be placed - in fact housing is taking away so much of our city. I believe the least that the City of Burlington can do is to protect the charming downtown that we have.... it has taken hard work to build this area to what it is today. Please consider supporting these small businesses and reject the application that has been proposed by the developers.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Elaine Dang