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Dear Ms. Melissa Morgan,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the planned proposal development of 407 Martha Street. Files 505-01/21 & 520-01/21.

I am a downtown resident at [REDACTED], Burlington, ON L7R 1G4. This proposal for a high-density structure going up to 11 stories and consisting of 103 units will be detrimental to our quality of life at best. This planned structure will directly impact us and affect us in the following manner:

- It will block our afternoon sun every single day Lack of sunshine especially during the winter months is unhealthy.
- It will completely destroy the natural habitat behind our building which we enjoy on a daily basis
- The creek is a natural flood plain that will be altered and create irrevocable damage to downstream and upstream properties including but not limited to [REDACTED].
- Alteration to the creek will cause disruption to the natural wildlife in the area
- The noise pollution during the construction of this proposal will be a disruption to our lives
- Access to Lakeshore from Torrence is already challenging at best. The traffic volume increase for construction vehicles, as well as residents from other high-density structures on Lakeshore and in the area, will be an ever-increasing daily headache.
- Parking overflow onto private property and side streets such as Harris crescent because of the lack of adequate guest parking in the surrounding area, our street is congested with cars every day by people who work in the surrounding area and have no affordable parking. We have people parking in our buildings tenants and guest parking spaces now, it will only get worse.
- Noise abatement will become an even bigger issue than it is now when

the people who occupy the existing homes along Martha street sit outside in their yard or on their decks and play music or just gather to enjoy a barbecue this forces our tenants who live in the back of our building to close there windows to drown out the sounds, these sounds carry across the creek and through the yard, this can and does sometimes go on well into the early morning I dread to think how bad it will be with 13 stories of balconies.

- The bicycle path or walkway is already a noise conduit, it will only become worse when the sounds echo and bounce off the building this is going to be a major issue, noise abatement between the buildings and along the bike path is a critical issue.
- Traffic studies as you know can be manipulated to present a false picture of reality, I have lived on Harris crescent for 47 years and can tell you that whenever anything is going on in Spencer Park or on Brant street such as the sound of music, the bike path is the main people corridor to the function and brings with it vandalism to private property and car break-ins along the pathway. I speak from experience as I had an antique car destroyed by vandals drinking in the park and throwing beer bottles and rocks at parked cards during the sound of music.
- It is dangerous to the traffic flow and disruptive to the harmony and ecology of the downtown creek and play areas. I consciously object as it will cause congestion and safety risks to the flow of traffic and residents in the downtown corridor. Therefore I believe building another high-rise less than 5 kilometres from City Hall and the Waterfront Hotel will create many internal city problems for downtown.

In conclusion, I am in disagreement with this proposal and could you please that I am added to the list as I wish to attend every public meeting regarding this proposal.

I strongly urge you and the Community Planning, Regulation and mobility committees to reject this application. These are my concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Kay

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