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Thank you Mr. O'Reilly for your email dated Nov 16th, 2022 in which you ask us to submit an email to clerks@burlington.ca summarizing our position on our property located at 488 Locust St., Burlington.

We would like to participate on BOTH Dec 6th, 2022@ 9:30AM Community Planning Regulation and Mobility Committee Meeting regarding **PL-78-22** AND on Dec 13th, 2022 @1PM City Council Meeting; We will also try to register online using links you provided.

We purchased the above property with the intention to demolish and rebuild into a multi-generational home suitable for myself and my family. My wife and I have lived in Burlington for 35 years and raised our two children here; but now we are aging and both with chronic medical conditions. We were planning to use this property as a 3-story (triplex dwelling) residential building with the intent of living on the ground floor and have my son and daughter move in to the second and third floor to help support us as we get older.

At the time of submitting an offer to purchase this property, we put a 90 day condition to conduct our due diligence. Both My daughter and I contacted the City to ensure there would be no issues when it came to demolishing and modifying the home prior to permits. We reached out to Community Planner (email: heritage@burlington.ca) to inquire about the property's heritage status.

The response we received were as follows:

"488 Locust Street is not listed on the City's heritage register and is **not subject to a heritage designation bylaw. It has no heritage protections.**

For your information, the house is called the William Zimmerman House and was constructed in 1881. It appears on a list of properties, which have "heritage potential". However, this list **doesn't have any legal status and does not change the facts above, I just note it for your information.**

In addition, we had started the Pre-Demolition process that was signed by John O'Reilly (Planner II - Heritage Community Planning). The Signed Pre-demolition document attached with signature stating that the property can be demolished. Having been assured that this property will not be subject to a heritage status, we then removed our condition and completed the purchase of the property.

Had we anticipated any possibility after conducting our due diligence that there would be a chance for any potential change in heritage status, we would have not purchased this property.

We kindly ask that you please remove 488 Locust St from your list of Heritage Register or Designation. This is a home we would like to retire in to live out the rest of our years with the support of children.

Thank you for supporting our family in this matter,

Michael Sobhi,

35 year resident of Burlington

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