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Subject:

Dear Mayor and Members of Council

Hope my email finds you well in these confusing times. Recently I was reading an article about a proposed man shelter at the Old Cathedral boys school on Main St East.

My family live about 200 m away from this location and I have several concerns about this proposal.

What is the guarantee that this will be temporary?

1.25 million for a temporary measure feels like a lot, if it is a temporary measure why not use the dorms at McMaster Mohawk, no investment required there.

Will additional safety measures be in place to protect property and residents (Just check police records they are here on a daily basis).

My 12 year old is afraid to walk down the street as it is not uncommon to meet with half dressed residents of the residential care facilities, drunks, drug users who will approach you for change or just to insult you.

This is a heritage building. Is it the best destination to convert to a shelter?

This neighbourhood already struggles with criminality and individuals who live in the residential care facility around us (I know at least 7 within a 300 radius). I'm not sure how many windshields I have to replace at my own expense, or how many times the car will open and turn upside down.

Adding 45 individuals with questionable behaviour (we all see what's going on at the First Ontario Centre) I'm sure will not help and I'm sure the other residents will agree with this. This addition to the neighborhood will just make things worse.

The city needs to control the Residential Care Facilities before adding any other facilities to this neighbourhood.

I don't understand why one neighborhood needs to be packed with residential care facilities and shelters meantime others have a way smaller density of similar facilities.

I'm against this proposal not against helping the homeless, Good Shepherd has plenty of facilities which could be converted for way less money, this will not add any value to the neighbourhood. We are losing our recreational centre

(central Memorial) which is on the list to be permanently closed instead we are getting a homeless shelter with the prospect of possible increase in property taxes.

I also reached out to our councillor to raise my concerns, I respectfully ask you to not support this proposal.

Artur Gnandt