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Fri. Jan 16 2021

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City Councillors,

It has recently come to our neighbourhoods attention that the City of Hamilton is planning to develop the land located at 1400 Baseline Rd into a 9 storey affordable housing building and are strongly opposed to this decision for numerous reasons. We are asking that Council decision to be made on Wed. Jan 20, 2021 is **tabled** as the city is in violation of and did not withhold the correct procedure of the Planning Act. The neighbourhood was not given any notice for the public open house held on Tues. Jan 12, 2021 at 9:30am. A 20 day notice was not mailed, posted on the land or published in local newspapers and many of us, if any at all, were unable to attend due to the short notice given by a resident who had posted on social media and due to the meeting being within the work day.

We are in disagreement that this land be developed as it is already riddled with high rise buildings that have ruined the landscape of the neighbourhood. Purchasing a property along the waterfront is meant exactly for that, to enjoy the waterfront and not have to look at these monstrosity of buildings. The infrastructure in terms of congested major arteries such as the QEW, North and South Service Roads, lack of traffic lights, sidewalks already cannot sustain the numerous condominium buildings that have been constructed, and that is prior to the development that is already approved and not yet completed in the area such as the Winona Crossing Shopping Centre. Constructing a yet ANOTHER 9 story building will only exacerbate the issues we are already faced with. Furthermore, commercial development is also not the answer. There are plenty of already developed **vacant** units between Fifty Road and Casablanca both on the North and South Service Roads and the demand is simply not there.

Money will be raised for affordable housing but on the coattails of the Lakepointe community and we will have to deal with the repercussions.

In closing, we ask that the Council decision be deferred until the residents of the neighbourhood are able to voice their concerns as we will be impacted the most and deserve to at least have a chance to express our opinions since we too our taxpayers and were not given the opportunity to in the first place.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nada & Jonathan Barlow