

Friday, August 6, 2021

To Medallion management,

We are your tenants living at 195 Wellington Street South in Hamilton. We have organized together to form a tenant committee. We are concerned about your company's plans to demolish the northeast section of the building and evict 32 units from the D-Block, in order to build a new high-rise tower. Those of us in the D-Block are worried about becoming homeless. Those of us in the A-, B-, and C-Blocks are worried about our family, friends and neighbours in the D-Block, and about our own inconvenience and hardship at the prospect of living through years of construction right next to us – noise, dust, rodents, etc. We are also concerned that Medallion may decide to tear down other sections of the building in future to construct more towers.

We have been following the application process for this development, and we are aware that at the LPAT case management hearing on June 14, 2021, your lawyers indicated that you were close to reaching a deal with the City of Hamilton to approve this development. From this, we can only conclude that Medallion is proceeding with the development application and intends to evict us from the D-Block.

In a letter about the redevelopment dated March 24, 2014 from Medallion Senior Development Manager Howard Paskowitz to 195 Wellington St S tenants, Medallion states “we will accommodate all displaced tenants before construction on this project commences.”

In 2016, a reporter from the Hamilton Spectator asked Medallion about displacement of tenants at 195 Wellington St S. Medallion [stated](#) only a “handful of units” would be demolished and assured us displaced tenants would “absolutely” have first right of refusal to rent units once construction is complete.

We have received conflicting messages from Medallion staff in the building in the last month. Some of us have been told the development project is not going ahead. Some of us have been promised the first opportunity to purchase a condo in the new building. Some of us have been told the new building will be rentals and we will be given a new unit at the same rent. Some of us have been ignored and left in the dark.

Could you please clarify your intentions by addressing the following questions:

1. Is Medallion proceeding with its original plan to evict tenants from 32 units in the D-block, in order to build a new tower? Which unit #s are planned to be demolished?
2. What is the approximate timeline for evictions, demolition, and construction?
3. What is Medallion proposing to do to help tenants facing demoviction? Financial compensation? Temporary housing during construction? Units in the new building at the same rent?
4. What is Medallion proposing to do to help tenants in the A, B, and C Blocks who will have to deal with years of construction noise, dust, rodents, etc.?

5. Why is Medallion renting out units in the D-Block to new tenants when they become available? This is not right. They should be kept empty. Why isn't Medallion letting D-Block tenants move into units in the A,B,C Block when they become available, at the same rent, rather than renting these units out to new tenants?

We are worried about our future. We deserve to know the truth. We are working-class people. Many of us have been paying rent to you for years. We can't afford to be displaced. We can't afford the rents in a new apartment, hundreds of dollars more per month.

Respectfully, we ask that you respond to this letter by Friday, August 13, 2021, or we will be forced to take further actions.

Please see the attached petition for signatories for this letter.

Sincerely,

195 Wellington St S Tenant Committee
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195 Wellington St S
Hamilton ON, L8N 1Y1

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	Matthew Nicholson		19 2/21
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Rebecca Thomas	R. Thomas		9 2021
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Joseph W. [unclear]	[Signature]		19th 2021
Phil Dales	Phil Dales		4/19, 2021
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