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**Subject:** 1540 upper wentworth

To whom it may concern,

My Family and I have lived at \*\*\* for 7 years now and like pretty much every resident in our neighbourhood are opposed to this proposed development of a high density building to be located at 1540 Upper Wentworth.

Over the past 7 years we have had multiple occasions of theft, mostly from cars being broken into we have had a stabbing and most recently a shooting on Emperor Ave not more than 100 feet from our house directed toward the existing complex. I hazard to guess there have been many more incidents that I am unaware of but should be public record which can be obtained from Hamilton Police.

There has, over the past several years been drug activity also associated with this address.

There are currently 3 high density town house complexes on the corners of Upper Wentworth and Emperor Ave. and now there is this proposal for an 8 story guiling to hold an additional 126 units. I feel the amount existing units along with these additional units is far to many to add to this residential area. An example for this is the idea that 63 parking spaces will be adequate for the 126 unit building. I had spoke with the current councillor for my ward about the current state of parking on Emperor Ave and she agreed that it has become a huge concern. There are several schools in the area with children walking along Emperor Ave daily. In the winter there are vehicles from 1540 Upper Wentworth that are on Emperor and the snow clearing Equipment can not properly access the Avenue to clear the snow. This creates a one lane road for a good part of the winter months and poses a serious safety issue for the pedestrians and children that walk this route everyday.

Another concern is for the well being and safety of the area residents. As stated above the crimes being committed in that particular area has increased over the past several years and to add a further 126 units into the mix will only lead to add even more issues regarding crime in the future. The current ownership, Kiwanis, seem unable or unwilling to help in that regard basically leading me to draw no other conclusion that these are "slum landlords" with no regard for their tenants and those in the neighbourhood safety.

Aesthetically a 8 story building in this residential neighbourhood does not conform to the current area. The only buildings in the area are on the corner of Rymal and Upper Wentworth which is a seniors long term care home and the same on the corner of Stone Church and Upper Wentworth. It is my understanding that Kiwanis has several properties in and round the Hamilton area that this kind of proposal would be better suited for such as on Rymal road east of Upper Wentworth where there more than adequate services. It would certainly fit into the current landscape much better than in this residential area.

Our ward has more low income housing than any other ward on Hamilton mountain. If we are trying to create a diverse model, perhaps it would be better served to put this project in another ward in order to equal out the various types of housing on the mountain. The residents in this Area have, for the most part, spent many years in their homes, spent a significant amount of money to upkeep their

properties. The property located at 1540 Upper Wentworth has certainly fallen behind in that regard. There is no reason to believe that any of this will change as history has shown Kiwanis lack of concern over any of the above points.

We have properties that will decrease in value with our taxes not. It does not equate

In summation I am strongly opposed to the proposal stated in file ZAC-21-023 and I hope that you take all of the residents concerns and not overburden our neighbourhood

Due to safety concerns related to the address in question I do not authorize the city to release my name , address, or contact information regarding this matter. If you have any further questions and/ or concerns the city my email me directly

Regards

Richard and Janet Keating