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Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: Potential new build Nelson and Elizabeth Streets

Good Morning,

I reside at The Renaissance building on George and Queen Street. I've been notified of a potential new build to the north and northwest of the block I'm on (Nelson and Elizabeth Streets). This concerns me greatly.

These potentially new buildings will cast a huge shadow on my building. All the residents who have paid premium prices for units on the higher floors for the spectacular views of the city, especially the stunning sunsets, would be replaced with views of another person's unit across the block. In this pandemic world we've been maneuvering for the past couple of years, we need to be able to enjoy the natural sunlight, not be stuck in the shadows.

There would be a huge invasion of privacy to everyone on the north and northwest side of the building, as well as the neighbour's living across from the buildings. We won't have the freedom to keep our curtains open to enjoy the natural light, we'll be wondering who is looking in on our units, or into our backyards. Imagine having your curtains closed all day and all night, without getting to see the light of day, that's not good for one's mental health.

The amount of traffic that currently exists in the area is manageable, however, with the addition to these new buildings, that'll make driving in the area an absolute nightmare! Any additional road closures during the holiday season or farmer's market will create a huge backlog with even more vehicles congesting the area. This area was already a disaster on New Year's, just imagine how bad it would be with two additional buildings on the block. The neighbourhood along Nelson and Elizabeth will become overloaded with vehicles and people, not to mention the noise during the construction of the buildings.

Speaking of noise, the sound from the years upon years of construction would be excruciating to listen to at all hours of the day. There are also those who work from home, as well as retirees. Not everyone works during the day either, some people work the nightshift. I don't think they'd be able to get any rest with the sound of heavy machinery running throughout the day.

With newer buildings minutes away, the value of my property will see a drastic decrease in price. So if I wanted to sell my unit in the future, the price would be a lot less than what it is now.

These potentially new builds would do more harm than good. It won't be good on everyone's mental health as some may feel crowded or claustrophobic, the neighbourhood wouldn't be as peaceful as it currently is, most residents will be lurking in the shadows trying to find the light of day since we'll be in constant shadow. Taxes most likely will rise, which will make it much more difficult to live.

I would highly rethink the idea of building these monster towers in downtown Brampton, it'll do a lot more harm than good for the area, the residents of The Renaissance, and the neighbourhood around it. There are more important things to tackle in this area, such as the homelessness or crimes, a couple of buildings won't fix it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Respectfully,

Andrew Matchuk