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From: TYLER JONES s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for Character Home Incentives

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to protest the inadequacy of the measures proposed to protect our fast disappearing character homes. While I support the incentives outlined in the report, as the report itself states, "Staff do not expect that incentives alone will result in a significant change to current development trends in single-family zones." The report goes on to state what WILL make a difference: "Reducing the floor area for new construction, as exists in our RT zones, would have a great impact in retaining character homes but is not recommended as part of this report."

No reduction in floor area of new buildings and the lack of design guidelines will mean that our neighbourhoods will continue to be redeveloped for the luxury market during an affordable housing crisis.

You have sufficient public support to pursue an effective solution. In the recent Character Home Zoning Review Questionnaire only 24% disapproved of reducing floor area compared to 59% who approved and strongly approved. If you are sincere about your greenest city initiatives and about creating affordable housing, act immediately to stop the rampant demolition of attractive and liveable homes.

The quality and design of the homes replacing character homes in my neighbourhood is absolutely appalling.

This is a priority issue for me and I will be voting accordingly at the upcoming municipal elections.

Sincerely,

Tyler Jones

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