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The Winchester Park Resident's Association wishes to respond to the proposal for a 26 story apartment building at 405 Sherbourne St., Toronto, Ontario. The proposed structure is located within the neighbourhood in St. Jamestown/Cabbagetown known as Winchester Park whose residents are represented by the Winchester Park Residents' Association. Our members have attended both Community Information meetings held by HousingNow for the general public as well as the preliminary meeting held in the fall of 2020.

This The Winchester Park neighbourhood which includes 405 Sherbourne is one of the poorest in the city. It holds 28 rooming houses operated by TCHC, various NPO's, a church and private owners. It also holds 12 TCHC operated family homes and 4 Co-operatives which contain up to 50% subsidized residents and many elderly. We also include a number of social services provided by various agencies and NPO's as well as residences and services for seniors. St. Jamestown and a men's homeless shelter are just across Wellesley. We feel the further concentration of vulnerable people in this area should have been discussed before this decision was made.

Our belief is that the building ownership consideration is central to the success or failure of this building for its tenants and for the community around it. We hope that a Co-Op or a Non Profit Organization which has shown actual success will be the city's first choice. If a private owner is chosen, we ask that the number of tenants on assistance be limited to 33% so the chances the owner will continuously cut services will be lessened.

There is a good deal of support in this compassionate community for this project and we can only hope that in return the area will receive more support from the City than we have received historically. This area already has such a high concentration of poverty, we ask that the City not simply add to it because that's the easiest choice and then abandon yet more people here to permanent poverty.

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