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Dear Councilors:

As co-chair of the High Park Community Alliance, I speak on behalf of the Alliance members in supporting the City staff recommendations for EY21.4 and EY21.5.

The H.P.C.A. was formed out of concern about the impact these developments would have on the entire community. Mor e than 760 residents have signed petitions in support of Councilor Sarah Doucette's effort to ensure they be scaled back and re-considered in the context of the neighborhood which was never designed to service such additional density.

Our Alliance strongly favors a planned approach to intensification of the High Park rental neighborhood that considers its needs and the impact on the existing community and existing infrastructure. It does so taking into the account several other recently-built and recently –approved high rise buildings.

Rental tenants and home owners in the surrounding areas have expressed grave concerns about the effects of doubling density in what is now a stable apartment community. They are worried about losing the balance that is now maintained between the apartments and the surrounding family neighborhood. The construction of seven new high rise buildings (including the two Grenadier Square towers) will totally change the built form of the neighborhood so that it resembles a downtown core high density neighborhood.

We are also concerned about the loss of green space and privacy, the creation of wind tunnels and the effects of shadows on the buildings.

A wider review of the whole area will, we think, help ensure that existing public infrastructure concerning schools, TTC, daycare facilities and waste management are not overstressed. We look forward to attending the two community meetings by the developers and being an involved, representative voice for the residents in the evolution of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Catherine Brown,

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