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Ellen Devlin

Administrator, Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen St. W., 2nd floor.
Re: Laneway Suits.

Dear Madam,

I attended your last Council Meeting on May 2nd, 2018.
I have been following the Laneway Housing initiative since the very beginning.
I was really impressed with the amount of work the City Staff has done. Things are shaping up.

I would like to expand on two issues: Barrier Free Access, and Roof Gardens.
Big number of Toronto residents are getting old and sick, and sometimes cannot use stairs any more. Instead of selling and moving to one storey condos, many of them would prefer to stay in their homes and desperately trying to retrofit them for the accessibility.
This not always works. The Laneway new houses could be the answer.

The problem is that the proposed size restrictions for the lane houses would not allow for the extra space needed for the barrier free elevator and all spaces and radiuses required by The Toronto Building Code.

Suggested flat roofs make perfect sense to include green roofs with the elevator access.
Somebody has already spoke to this issue at the Council Meeting and I absolutely agree.

Please consider this Barrier Free Housing issue while drafting new Zoning Amendments.
The demand for this kind of accommodation is growing.

Regards,