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Subject: [External Sender] My comments for 2023.TE4.13 on May 10, 2023 City Council
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 10, 2023 City Council meeting on item 2023.TE4.13, 25 St. Mary Street - Official Plan Amendment, Zoning Amendment, and Rental Housing Demolition Applications - Decision Report - Approval

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Dear Toronto City Council,

My name is Michael Whitehead, and I have lived at 25 St. Mary St. for 28 years. I am a member of the 25 St. Mary St. Tenants' Association, **and I request that Council defer or adjourn item TE4.13 to the next Council meeting.** Our grounds for requesting this deferral are as follows:

1. We were not properly consulted during the application process, by the Planning Department, by our Councillor Chris Moise or his staff, or by the developer.
2. The application fails to adequately compensate tenants for their relocation expenses, as specified in Section 111
3. The application fails to adequately provide for the needs of seniors, those with health issues or on a fixed income. These individuals should have apartments found for them by the developer in the same neighbourhood, and the developer should pay whatever the difference is between the current rent and the cost of those apartments.
4. The loss of parking spaces for tenants who now have them involves a retroactive application of a bylaw not in place at the time of the original application. Tenants have been told that this is to meet Net Zero by 2030 targets, but this completely overlooks the carbon emissions involved in demolishing an existing building and putting up two towers over 50 storeys tall. It is gaslighting, plain and simple. Returning tenants should have car parking spaces.

Please respond to confirm that you have received this comment.

Sincerely,

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