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Members of Community Council,

The West Toronto Junction Historical Society (WTJHS) submitted the houses in this application as well as all the other houses on this block on the south side of Dundas east of Gilmour Ave. for listing on the Heritage Register in 2021. They are important to the heritage character of the proposed West Toronto Junction heritage district, representing more than 100 years of affordable housing for local workers and professionals in the fast growing town/city of Toronto Junction/West Toronto.

Both sides of Dundas St. W. along this block continued to provide attractive, affordable, well-maintained family housing appropriate for young families with an interest in the character of the area. By contrast the proposed development is aimed at the luxury market for investors or short term rentals by affluent tenants. No one would have objected if the owner had proposed to redevelop the corner buildings with long vacant storefronts and tacky 60s architecture, but of course that would have to be by necessity rental housing, since those buildings had a rental component above the vacant storefronts.

In fact, the developer has so little regard for the character of the area that his sales office in a house a few doors east features a blasted out front wall that gives the finger to residents doing careful, appropriate renovations to their modest century homes. One can only hope that prospective purchasers look closely at the neighbourhood in which their million dollar condos reside and consider whether this is the kind of investment that makes any sense, when luxury condos around the city are a dime a dozen.

In short, we urge you to reject this development and give to south side of Dundas St. W. between Clendenan and Gilmour Ave. back to families and ordinary people who value the neighbourhood character of the Junction.

Thank you,  
Diana Fancher  
for the WTJHS