

Councillor Lily Cheng
Willowdale Ward
City of Toronto

July 11, 2024

Dear Councillor Cheng,

We, the undersigned tenants of 6091 Bathurst St., are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed construction of a new adjacent building that will be situated alarmingly close to our residence. The planned structure will be merely 3 meters away from our balconies and 4.5 meters away from our windows. This proximity will deprive us of sunlight, fresh air, and any semblance of a view, effectively making us feel confined and boxed in.

Our building is a six-story structure, and the proposed new building is planned to be twelve stories high. This significant height difference, combined with the extremely close proximity, will have severe negative impacts on our quality of life. The construction and subsequent existence of this building will pose serious threats to our mental and physical health.

The demographics of our building include many individuals with visible and non-visible disabilities, elderly residents, single mothers, tenants for whom English is not the first language, and families with low incomes. Many of us are part of geared-to-income housing plans, and the disruption caused by this new construction will be disproportionately harmful to our community.

Moreover, the increased traffic density on Bathurst Street is another major concern. Bathurst Street is already a main thoroughfare, and the turning lane we use to access our building is frequently congested and dangerous. The addition of another large building in such close proximity will exacerbate these traffic issues, making it even more difficult and unsafe for us to access our homes.

We, the tenants of 6091 Bathurst St., respectfully request that you do not authorize the construction of this building in its current proposed location and proximity to our residence. We are not opposed to development in general, but we believe that this particular plan is unreasonable and detrimental to our community. We urge you to consider a more reasonable and considerate plan that does not negatively impact the well-being of existing residents.

Please find below the signatures of the tenants of 6091 Bathurst St., who stand united in opposition to this proposed construction.
