



The Republic Residents' Association

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City-initiated request to Amend the Zoning By-law, to Incorporate Low-rise Residential Lands in the Toronto and East York District of the City of Toronto, to Zoning By-law 569-2013

The Republic Residents' Association (RRA) represents the community interests of the northeast quadrant at Yonge and Eglinton. We are a group of volunteers who have come together to address the many concerns of residents who are living through the massive current and proposed densification of the Yonge-Eglinton neighbourhood.

We recognize the need for more city housing that needs to be near major transportation hubs. We all live in high-rises and understand the necessity to go up rather than out in such a dense, urban area. However, we do believe that overwhelming density in one particular neighbourhood is not an effective way to build communities.

For this major reason, along with a multitude of others, we support the City's request to incorporate more low-rise residential housing across the city. This effort will at least begin to address the 'missing middle' challenge of our city.

There are currently many exclusive, affluent neighbourhoods in the city where such housing was built many decades ago. It included rentals, owner-occupied apartments and co-op units. This type of housing not only added options beyond single family houses but also included homes for people from all economic backgrounds, occupations and life situations.

Members of the RRA believe that we can once again be an inclusive city that addresses Toronto's housing crisis without imposing density and serious overcrowding in a few overwhelmed neighbourhoods.

We urge the Planning and Housing Committee to amend the zoning by-law to incorporate low-rise residential units across our city and enable additional, accessible housing for Toronto residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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