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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 9, 2025 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2025.IE20.12, Breathing Easier During Construction

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:

I am writing on behalf of the Seaton Village Residents' Association. We are a neighborhood in Ward 11, bounded at the south end by Bloor St West, to the East by Bathurst st, to the West by Christie St., and the north to the Railway lands north of Dupont st.

We strongly support the motion on item 2025.IE20.12, brought forward by Councillor Saxe.

We support the need to have the Chief Building Officer with enhanced, strong powers to protect human health caused by property construction and/or demolition's noxious materials and nuisance dust, by enforcing measures against property owners who flout rules to protect the community. These measures include: revoking demo and building permits, or imposing strong penalties under existing Dust By-Laws, which otherwise do not, at this time, apply to multi-residential demolition and construction.

As a filmmaker of environmental documentaries, I have researched for many years the health hazards of blanketed and nuisance dust and particulate matter to human health, in particular, to our eyes, and to the multi-organs involved in our respiratory systems which can negatively impact those with compromised respiratory systems, and it can be life threatening as well, especially for those near such demo/construction sites.

There is no conceivable reason to question or delay in giving full assent to this motion. As you may know, Ward 11 has some of the densest development ward's in the city. This problem has been ongoing for years.

Thank you.

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