

Nicole Milrose

From: kwanza <kwanzini@yahoo.com>
Sent: October-04-17 12:37 AM
To: Nicole Milrose
Subject: Demolition of 49 & 51 Springmount Av

Dear Nicole,

My name is Kwanza and I'm a resident of 51 Springmount Ave in Toronto. Toronto has been home for over 30 years. I have lived at 51 Springmount for the last for 15 of those years. It is by far the best area I have lived in. The trees in front of this parcel of land are a blessing in the city, more so during the summer. Birds and other wildlife take sanctuary here. Above all, especially given the perennial low vacancy rate in the city, these units have been relatively affordable. Both my partner and I are artists who work independently. I as a freelance musician while she teaches from home as well performs outside the home.

Therefore, I would like to register my opposition to the demolition of 49 and 51 Springmount Avenue to be replace with 3 separate houses. The loss of the homes set to be replaced by more expensive family homes to this proposed "redevelopment" would be devastating to all of us who call these units home. While there are certainly people who are affluent in the area, there are also many who are like us to whom affordable housing is a real and serious issue of major concern. Particularly, keeping in mind that finding affordable apartments is a great challenge.

To be fair, our landlords have been considerate and thoughtful people who have shown concern for their tenants, we also recognize that they are business people who are looking after their best interests. To find some balance, I ask that you consider the consequences of letting this proposal go through. Yes, it might mean profits for the owners, but at the same time several families will be put out of places to live. ther eis also the potential resulting environmental fallout. I urge you to save these homes so as to, at least, not make it even harder for those struggling with affordable housing.

While business seems to be the driving force of the city's economy and, as such, hold such sway, the opposite of the positive side of the ledger (for landlords) is the human face of loss and irreversible destruction of an oasis of green and fresh air in the city. As well, the sense of a caring community we have created over the years will be lost.

Sincerely,

Kwanza.

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