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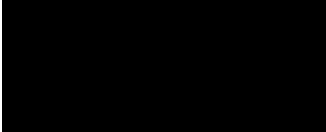
Marco & Jennifer Armilio



Dear Councillor,

I writing to express my opposition to the proposed OPA plan for Midtown Oakville. In my view the proposed density does not support the Town of Oakville's vision to become Canada's most liveable community. I appreciate the significant housing shortage, and the need for all communities to do their part to address this matter; however, the proposal as it now stands "is too much in too little a space". The plan should be reworked with an objective of approximately 250 ppl/ha. Also, the consequences of the development on traffic and community infrastructure must be undertaken before a final decision is taken.

Mark Rochon



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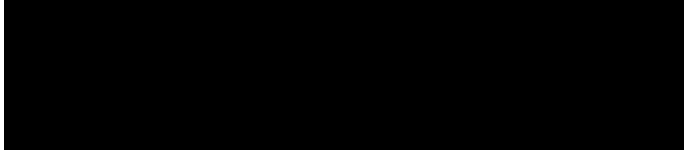
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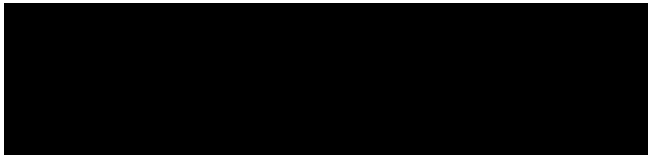
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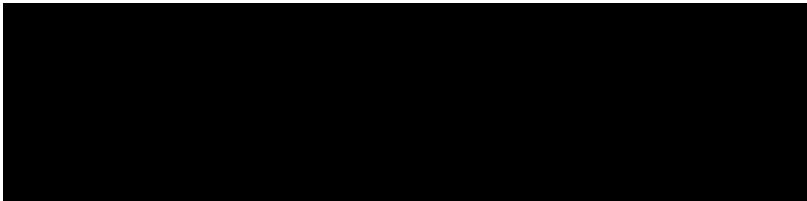
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Good afternoon Mayor Burton and Council,

I'm pleased that there has been a significant degree of consultation on Midtown Oakville.

However, I'm very surprised and disappointed that you have not taken the opportunity to learn more about the supporting data and livable precedents regarding the small 43 hectare developable land area. Assuming that the proposed buildout will create a density similar to Manhattan or more, the draft OPA is not a good urban fit, nor scalable to Oakville: transportation disconnects; traffic jams; slow movement of goods, the lifeblood of economic viability; pedestrian and bicycle movement; retail and commercial viability; built form diversity; open space; sustainability; and more.

It would appear that you have chosen to ignore or have not listened to constituents, the lifeblood of a community, including many insightful comments by the residents' associations. Instead, you have produced a draft OPA that will **not** result in an economically and socially viable community in Midtown Oakville with negative ripple effects in downtown Oakville, Midtown Oakville, the Trafalgar Rd. corridor, east, west and north Oakville.

It is assumed that the provincially mandated 2051 population and housing target was deemed to be reasonable by the province. The province will have linked this with 'Metrolinx' growth forecasts and other infrastructure forecasted needs. The Midtown draft OPA which exceeds the provincial targets puts Oakville at risk, not only from an infrastructure perspective, but financially, since the province may not contribute to funding Oakville's excess program requirements.

The residents of Oakville deserve to know why you have chosen to far exceed the provincial mandates and reasonable levels of density as ultimately, we are the ones who will pay for it - financially and socially. Why?

Your plans take all of us on a path to an **Unlivable Oakville** rather than a Livable Oakville. Is that the legacy you are looking for?

In closing, I would like to thank councilors who have provided value-added meaningful background and leadership on this seminal initiative. I look forward to you right-sizing the Midtown Oakville OPA.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Bill McCreery
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Carol B. Mason

Dear Members of Council and Town Staff:

I have lived (and worked) in Oakville for over 50 years. It is a most distinct and very special Town unrivalled by any other enclave in the GTA. It is the responsibility of all residents and officials who are the current conservators of our community to preserve its unique status. I am following the growth plans for Oakville and specifically Midtown Oakville plans and would like to express my concerns including requested actions. I support responsible growth. I support the provincially mandated growth numbers to 2051. This is the biggest development Oakville has ever seen with building heights we have never seen before. We need to ensure our plan is compatible with the size of land available and ensures the livability people deserve.

I have serious concerns with the options that have been presented to date and the trajectory of the Midtown Official Plan Amendment (OPA). The following are items that I see as essential to a successful outcome for the OPA:

- I would like to see multiple options presented on January 30th via three-dimensional renderings with a clear explanation of height and density, public realm amenities, and road networks.
- I would like to see options that meet but do not exceed the 2051 provincially mandated growth numbers; and options that optimize the livability of the land available for development in Midtown.
- I would like to see options that keep building heights to an average of 20 storeys in Midtown with a maximum population density in any sq. km not to exceed 20,000 per sq. km.
- I would like to see an integration of a variety of “missing middle” building styles, such as mid-rise and 5-6-story mansion blocks.
- The transition area from single-family residential to the south of Cornwall Road must be considered. This means significantly lower building heights south of the train tracks. Taller buildings should be located to the north, along the QEW corridor
- I understand the need to accommodate population growth to 2051 and beyond. To ensure responsible growth, this should be clearly delineated as growth that would be permitted by way of an amendment to the current plan later. This will allow time for planning of other potential growth areas within Oakville eg. Speers Road, Bronte GO, Oakville Place, and Town Hall.
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- The OPA should demonstrate the use of all municipal tools available to us to ensure we optimize opportunities for energy reduction, stormwater, and grey-water strategies.

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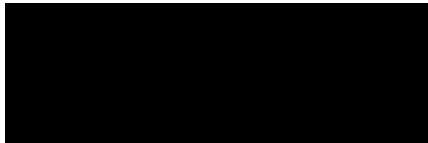
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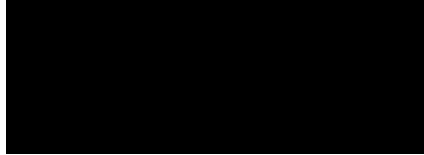
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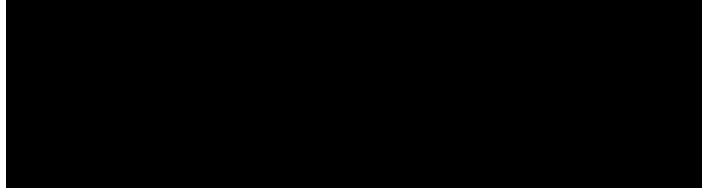
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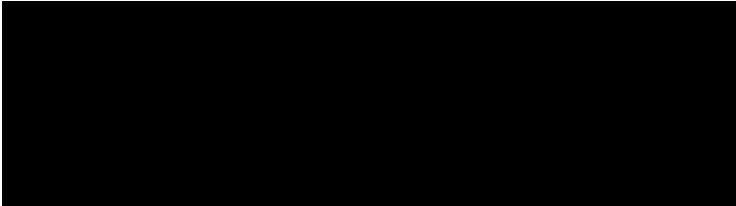
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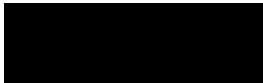
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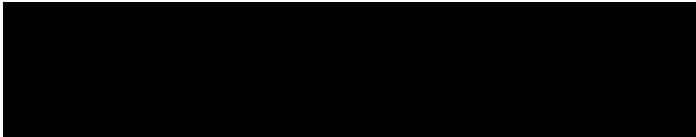
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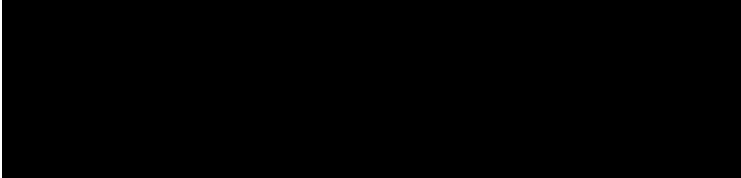
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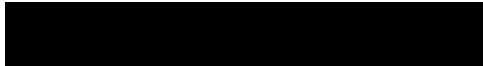


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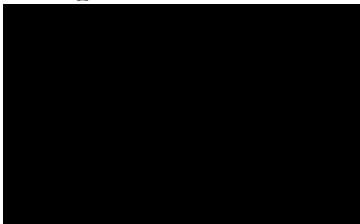
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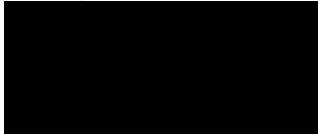
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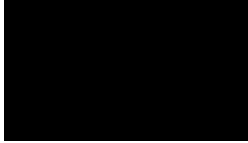
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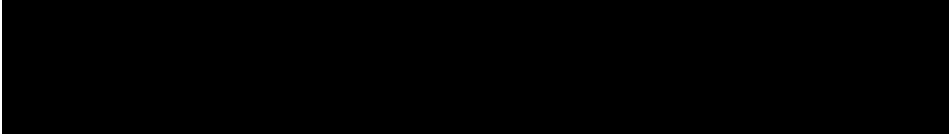
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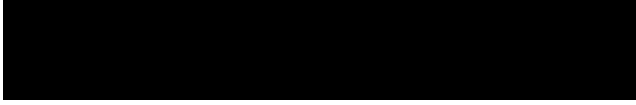
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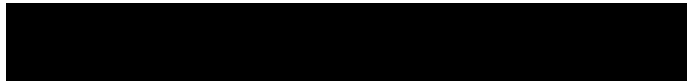
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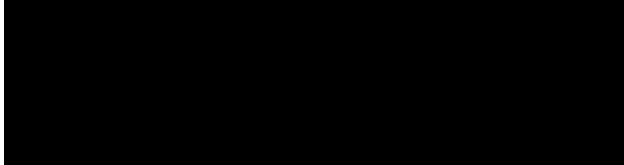
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Sincerely,
(Your Name) Greg Lyons