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Good day to all,

I am writing a single email to anyone I can think of who might have say in any of this.

While I do not purport to be an expert, that would be a full time job, I do know that I do not like what I have been learning of late about how MetroLinx is being used to steamroll the agenda of developers, and clearly there are back room deals and some other shenanigans going on, and I suppose one has to expect some dishonesty in a system with no real checks and balances, but there are times when that dishonesty just goes too far, and I think what is going on with these projects is just too much.

I will start with another property and then get to this one.

This property is one where the project required a small parking area to the north of the property. Rather than sever and buy it, they forced the sale of the whole building, and then are proceeding to kick out the tenants, the property will likely be used in a small way for a short time, but be mostly empty and then abandoned before being resold, at what I am certain will be an incredible discount to someone's friend, or cousin or some such. In the meantime you put people out of business and ruin their lives. Congratulations.

Now, if I could actually believe you all that the building, so blatantly strong armed, was going to get turned into subsidized housing and shelters for poor people I just might be a little more forgiving because it means that no one will make millions off of the powers of a government taking property, and people of the city can get something for it instead. The building I am referring to is the big warehouse type building at/including 388 Carlaw Ave.

So now to Thorncliffe Park.

First off let me start with the fact that I have always been horrified that the bias of putting toxins and trash and things the Bridal Path would not want near them, into neighbourhoods that have more people, but who are, individually, less affluent has been rather disgraceful. I have always been aware of some of it here,. The US is far more blatant about their poverty bias and racism, e.g when then put throughways down main streets cutting off black neighbourhoods and destroying communities, and these types of this were done intentionally to put down the blacks. <https://www.npr.org/2021/04/07/984784455/a-brief-history-of-how-racism-shaped-interstate-highways>

But to see this done here seems to be madness and make us no better. I read through the piece they sent and it seems to me that the bullying tactics continue. And to bribe people to stop calling a space a place of worship so that you can bypass our existing laws, really is not an

action to build trust in anything the government presents.

I understand the train yard needs to go somewhere, but it appears that the people of Thorncliffe Park had a real and viable proposal, that was dismissed and that people changed the rules to make sure that only one side could possibly be right. You wish to create a ghetto of some kind instead of letting it evolve into a more diverse and dynamic neighbourhood. That wall will not stop the noise and it would certainly make me feel like I was in a prison, it is very intimidating and unforgiving. The psychological impact will be horrendous. Have you spoken to mental health experts when you made the decisions?

I would like you to have an open and honest discussion with the everyone about the placement of the yard, and to not bully people into some predetermined decision, once it is done it cannot be undone, and your terms in office will be over, your potential payoffs will have been made to people at the mosque, or others. It is a shame that there is no vision for what is fair, imagine this was Rosedale or the Briidlepath, would you take the same approach? Do you think you would win against the lawyers they could bring to the case? If not, then you need to treat the people in this area the same way.

You collectively, as our representatives, need to treat the people of this city with more respect and care, and properly consider what it could mean to us all, because bullying the poor, or the new to Canada, says something about not just doubt also about me and my friends, and we are not those kinds of people, and we would not want people disrespected. It is a stain on our reputation as a community, a city, and a country and I am ashamed at the way this project has been behaving.

Do we need rail and alternate transportation to roads, indeed we do, and we need to spread jobs across Ontario, but not just construction jobs, so that we do not need new highways (I am agains the expansion of the 400 series through greenbelt lands it cleans our water and feeds out people,), and with better rail we will not need to destroy neighbourhoods and green spaces. So am I against everything, no, but I do think fair treatment and a fair hearing and a reasonable approach at every step is more than warranted.

Do better,

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