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Dear Mayor and Council

I am concerned about the proposed development at 456 Chester Ave.

I live immediately next to it at 460B Chester, along with my neighbour at 460A. If the proposed variances are approved then my neighbour and I will permanently live in:

- shadow throughout winter;
- shadow during most of the spring and fall since there will be no sunlight at noon over our properties; and
- reduced sunlight during summer.

Due to the proposed height and expansion of the building, our two properties and our ability to enjoy our homes and gardens will be permanently impeded.

In addition, my backyard will be overlooked by two separate units' balconies. The balconies will be located at the top rear of the building and will directly overlook my backyard, resulting in the elimination of my privacy.

The look-and-feel of the neighbourhood will be changed as one of the last remaining houses on the street will be torn down and replaced with a four story building which does not complement the architecture of the other dwellings on the street.

The developer did not consult me or my neighbour during the design phase of his proposed building but instead notified us afterwards of his plans. When I raised my concerns regarding the reduced sunlight his only comment was to tell me that he was not going back to the drawing board again and my only option was to decide if I wanted less sunlight in my backyard or front yard.

My garden is very important to me and I continue to invest considerable time and money into making it beautiful. The significant reduction in sunlight will negatively impact what I can grow and permanently hinder my enjoyment of it.

I respectfully ask the Mayor and Council to reject the developer's request for a variance to ensure my privacy, and me and my neighbours' enjoyment of our properties.

Thank you
Lesley Valour
460B Chester Ave.

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