

As a citizen of Montreal, the above mentioned project has me very concerned.

I find the proposed development completely unacceptable for a site as important to the community and to the preservation of our collective heritage. The site demands nothing less than excellence - a project that rises to citizens' expectations of what constitutes the protection of the mountain.

My arguments are as follows:

- ◆ The project is in direct opposition to the community's desire to preserve green spaces on the protected territory of Mount Royal and the principles underlining the City of Montreal's recently adopted Mount Royal Protection and Enhancement Plan;

- ◆ The proposed development of 325 living units and 671 underground parking spaces violates the city's urban plan and will generate an increase in traffic in an area already suffering from high density and traffic concerns, especially with regards the adjacent Montreal General Hospital, and the new structures proposed will most certainly encroach upon existing views;

- ◆ After 10 years of intense lobbying by citizens, the Government of Quebec recognized Mount Royal as a site of national importance and decreed a unique protection status for its historic and natural heritage. The proposed project, which will result in building on much of the sites' open green spaces, does nothing to advance the notion of protection and enhancement of the mountain;

- ◆ This project serves as the baseline for all other projects to follow on the mountain. If our decision-makers agree to such a large residential development within the mountain's protected territory, what will become of the remaining heritage assets of the mountain? What will prevent other developers from proposing similar projects on other parts of Mount Royal?;

- ◆ I am against modifications to the city's urban plan when the benefits to the individual promoter so heavily outweigh the advantages to the community - citizens of today and future generations.

As custodians of our collective heritage, the proposed project for this exceptional site on Mount Royal would be a tremendous loss to the community and an embarrassment to elected officials, whose duty it is to uphold the will of its citizens.

Sincerely,

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