## Avenir des secteurs Marconi-Alexandra, Atlantic, Beaumont, De Castelnau (PDUES)

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## Who are you? Please write legibly.

I am a middle age female. I have lived and grew up in Parc-Ext. I have seen first hand how the area has changed. I do not want the area to be gentrified.

What are your opinions and concerns about the plan for the future of the Marconi-Beaumont district (PDUES)? *Please write legibly.* 

There are several aspects of this plan that are of great concern to me and perhaps to the residents of Parc-Extension. Four to be considered are the following: accessibility for the physically and visually impaired, activity centres for 40-50 plus groups and elderly, social housing for low-income residents and gentrification.

First of all, buses and metros are not really accessible to the physically and visually impaired or disabled. The city transport system have made some headway to accommodate the handicapped, such as installing elevators in some metro stations; however the city transport still have a long way to go.

Secondly, I think that there should be more activity centres for 50 plus groups. There are some at present, but more need to be available. Don't forget aging population.

Thirdly, and more importantly, there should be more social housing units (instead of building condominiums) for low-income residents mainly in Parc-Extension. It is appalling that people have to be on waiting lists. I also think there should be a background check to see if people are really eligible for low-income housing.

Lastly, I believe that Parc-Ext. is slowly leaving towards gentrification. I have already witnessed first-hand of middle-class people migrating to the area from Outremont, Mile-End and le Plateau, for example. How will the poorer residents of Parc-Ext. integrate with their richer counterparts? And will there be a great exodus of the poorer residents to areas of the city?

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