

M. VIATEUR CHÉNARD, commissaire :

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Merci beaucoup.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

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Alors je vous remercie beaucoup, Monsieur Larin. J'inviterais maintenant madame Yan Zhao.

Mme YAN ZHAO :

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Good evening everyone, and now, today, please permit me to speak English and I will introduce myself first. My name is Yan Zhao and I did this statement with my friend Yin Zhan Sheng. Actually, we are students downtown, so we have lived downtown for the last two years. According to this project, our viewpoint for this project to build 360 condominiums in this area is no. Why? Because we have three reasons to support our point of view.

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The first is, in this area we need, the people need green space in this area and obviously the lack of green space and sports fields for thousands of residents, families and the young generation. And also, since the last four years the people in this area have already wanted to create a recreational green space. The green space in this area is six times lower than the environment, environment norms, and there is no outside play area in this area. So obviously, we need, the people living in this space need green space.

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The second reason to support our point of view is focused on economy because the economy is relevant with the people's life quality. And obviously, the object for this project is investment, investment is different from the living, and if more investment on the building in this area, the living cost in this area is well much higher than other places. Why? Because the price to live in this building will increase. Because the great increase of rent cost will increase.

710 This situation would adversely affect the net profit for some businesses, especially for some self-employed businesses, some businesses such as department stores, restaurants and coffee shops. As soon as the rent cost increases and the business bosses will pay more money for their business costs, and the result of this increase of renting cost is a decrease of the employees' salary. This situation, this relationship is obvious.

715 In order to control or decrease the business cost which is increased by the building investment, which is increased by the renting cost, some businessmen might consider reducing the salary of their employees in this area. As a result, the people's salary will decrease and the living cost increase, the people's salary decrease. This situation is unbenefit for the people living in this area.

720 And the last reason to support my point of view is based on the attitude of the residents. Obviously, the residents, based on this situation, the point of view of the residents think that it is necessary to provide more green space and sports areas for the residents in this area. A large park should be built and the government should prepare for the tourists to make future park area.

725 So based on these reasons, the lack of green space, the living quality of the residents and the attitude of the residents, we could draw the conclusion that we must say no to the project and we should focus on the people's living quality and the respect of the residents' point of view for the living conditions in this area.

730 So at last, I think the project is not, we think we should say no to this project. This is my point of view and presentation, thank you very much.

LA PRÉSIDENTE:

735 Thank you very much.

M. JOSHUA WOLFE:

740 Before you leave, Mme Zhao, you're in favour of a park, what kind of facilities, what sort of uses would you see for that park if it were to become, if the site were to become a green space?

Mme YAN ZHAO:

745 You mean the park for which objective?

M. JOSHUA WOLFE:

750 Yes, like a ball field, a soccer field or benches or picnic tables, what kind of things would you like to see there?

Mme YAN ZHAO:

755 I think the object of the park should benefit the people, especially the young children, and after they have, when they are free, they had better have the green space to experience the living life with the family, to experience the natural conditions, so I think the park should benefit for the young children as well as the families.

M. JOSHUA WOLFE:

760 Thank you.

LA PRÉSIDENTE:

765 Thank you very much.

Mme YAN ZHAO:

Thank you.

770 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

J'appellerais maintenant madame Marielle Ouellette, s'il vous plaît.

775 **Mme MARIELLE OUELLETTE :**

Bonsoir!

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

780 Bonsoir, Madame!

Mme MARIELLE OUELLETTE :

785 Je viens à titre personnel comme résidente qui habite juste en face du terrain des Franciscains depuis le 1er septembre. En fait, je suis au coin de du Fort et de René-Lévesque, dans un édifice qui appartient à la SHDM. J'ai loué cet appartement-là très rapidement en état d'urgence. L'appartement est correct. L'environnement, je ne l'avais pas observé et quand je suis arrivée, j'ai eu deux chocs. Il y en a un extraordinaire, magnifique, je n'en suis pas encore revenue. La maison qui est en face, je ne sais pas le nom parce que madame Lambert tout à l'heure parlait des noms des maisons, je n'ai pas le nom, mais la maison qui est en face de chez moi est magnifique.

795 Quand les feuilles sont tombées des arbres – là, en ce moment, elle est complètement noyée dans les arbres – j'ai commencé à prendre des photos. J'ai pris des photos tout l'hiver, le matin, le jour, à la tombée du jour. Si j'étais bonne avec l'ordinateur, j'aurais pu vous tenir 30 minutes ce soir avec des photos juste de cette maison-là. C'est une merveille. Il y a des maisons magnifiques à Montréal mais cette maison-là est exceptionnelle.