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To whom it may concern,

I am Karianne Parent, I live at the corner of Lincoln and Fort and have for 5 years. While I currently have no kids, I know that I will have to leave the area before I do based on the living spaces available.

I originally chose this area because of its proximity to Concordia University. I stayed a couple of years after graduation because I loved the area; close to public transits, close to many restaurants, stores, pharmacies, grocery stores, etc) and close to the highway. Something that I enjoy about where I live is that Lincoln is the one street downtown that doesn't make you feel like you're downtown. You get to have the peace and quiet of a lovely street with trees while being in the heart of the city. However, it's the only street that offers this scenery. It's city chaos all around with more buildings in construction and less and less green spaces for families to enjoy.

Building condos means taking over a lot of space that could be dedicated to parks and other green spaces for the health of all (mental and physical), or local businesses. Condos are not made for families and they are very expensive. It generates a lot of traffic which is really not kid- friendly. The families I know, as well as myself, won't choose to live in busy, noisy, and expensive areas. They are looking for more quiet and safe areas where their children can be close to schools and parks. Condos create an "urban vision" that does not share family values. It speaks more industrialization, expenses, and commercialization than it does ecofriendly systems, or any family friendly train of thought.

The neighbourhood has mostly families and students and they are not being accommodated at all. Although it is the heart of the city (downtown) with many attractions and businesses, it's important to find a balance between the city life and the family life.