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To:
Jo-ann Park,
Clerk of Executive Policy Committee
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To Whom it May Concern:

With regards to the planned Waverly West suburb, I strongly oppose the amendment to Plan Winnipeg 2020 and moving forward with the development as it seems to better serve Ladco Homes and the Provincial Government as opposed to the communities and citizens of Winnipeg.

Recall the very first policy statement in Plan Winnipeg 2020: "Putting Downtown First". Why now ammend this plan/document that so far has been successfully implemented?

Clearly, the development of the Waverly West suburb (at least a 40 minute Transit ride from downtown Winnipeg) will contribute to urban-sprawl and stands to deteriorate our downtown and surrounding neighborhoods as well as weaken our existing City infrastructure.

As a former Spence Street apartment tenant and current home-owner in Fort Rouge, it is difficult to have lived through the progress and revitalization in communities such as West Broadway and know the development of Waverly West doesn't best-serve Winnipeg or our people.

As a young urban professional with many friends who have left Winnipeg for greener pastures, I suggest investment in our downtown and creating a healthy city-core can lure them back (and potentially lure new young professionals to Winnipeg). I'm not convinced the Waverly West mega-suburb (consisting of 20,000 generic homes kilometres away from
anything) will lure to Winnipeg exciting, creative people of any age group or any demographic.

For the record, I strongly oppose the development of Waverly West.

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