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**Rezoning application or bylaw number**  
Rez. #18-49 - Bylaw No. 14575

**Submission**

Hello,

My name is Jessica. I'm one of several families currently living at 6645-6647 Dow Ave (one building) that isn't covered by the Tenant Assistance Policy. This rezoning process will result in me being kicked out of my home, without any kind of assistance. I have a disability that's preventing me from working right now. I'm under so much stress and the idea of being kicked out of my home into a housing market that is completely unaffordable to me is giving me so much anxiety. I've been trying to find a place to rent that costs around what my current rent is. It's impossible. I cannot find anything that would allow me to live by myself with my cats for less than double what I'm paying now. It's insane. It's driving me crazy. I don't know what I'm going to do when the rezoning pushes through. I have lived here for over 4 years. I love it here. It's central, convenient. Everything is easy to get to. I know that I'm not the only one who is negatively affected by this rezoning in this way. I know that some of the other families who will also be kicked out have kids, and this rezoning is terrifying for them. I don't have children, and it's terrifying for me.

My questions to the city:

What is the city going to do to help us? Why does the Tenant Assistance Policy exclude us, who currently live in this building that is going to be torn down? Why are we not offered the same assistance and protections afforded to our neighbours? We live in the same building, on the same block, in the same city. I was hopeful when I learned about the Tenant Assistance Policy. I was crushed when I learned that it doesn't apply to me. I'm glad for my neighbours who are covered by the Tenant Assistance Policy, but that gladness doesn't help me when I no longer have a home. All I'm asking is that I'm treated the same as my neighbours - they deserve the help they'll get from the Tenant Assistance Policy. I do too.

Thank you for taking the time to hear about my situation,  
Jessica Li