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Hello,

I strongly oppose the proposed relaxation of the City of Kingston Official Plan and Kingston Zoning By-laws to permit construction of a high rise at 5 Lower Union Street. While unable to attend the meeting, I would like my protest recorded.

My opposition stems from the following concerns:

- **Incompatibility with Existing Area:** The proposed development's height (19 storeys) is incompatible with the surrounding built environment (11 storeys).
- **Potential Loss of Navy Memorial Park:** The project may require the removal or destruction of Navy Memorial Park, a green space that recognizes the role that women veterans have played in our military history.
- **Negative impact on the Shipyards residents:** The development would significantly disrupt the daily lives, and enjoyment of residents in the existing Shipyards building.
- **Fire & Safety Concerns:** a similar proposal offered by Jay Patry received significant opposition, notably from fire and rescue services regarding accessibility in case of a fire. It is unclear what changes have been implemented to address these critical safety concerns and ensure the safety of Kingston residents in the proposed development.

I recognize the need for housing and ongoing municipal growth, but cannot support this development for the reasons stated above. I would urge the city to collaborate with Homestead Land Holdings Ltd ("Homestead") in order to reconsider a development of a more reasonable height.

In closing, I suspect that Homestead has put forth an unpopular proposal ("19 storeys") to anchor and guide public expectations, so when they reveal a more "reasonable" fall-back plan ("15 storeys") it will be accepted and approved, despite itself also suffering from many of the criticisms I have listed above.

Best,
Lorne Beswick