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Question		Answers	Skips
08	How does development along Shore Drive and in the adjacent neighborhoods affect you personally? (Mandatory)	515 100%	0 0%
Traffic has already exponentially increased in the past 10 years. It's crowded. The new extra traffic lights only aggravate drivers. The charm of the Drive is being lost with condos shoved into every possible small area. It's a shame.			
The disappointment of the atrocities of the condo/apartments on the Lesner br			
In particular, the area just east of the Lesner Bridge including Overture and Point Chesapeake is grossly overbuilt and traffic access together with pedestrian crossing at the base of the bridge across Shore Drive is compromised and dangerous. These new buildings are from the outside unsightly with little aesthetic appeal.			
I have lived in that vicinity for 60 years, I was raised on the Bay, the traffic is concerning already and the property where Lynnhaven fish house stood and the condos bought adjacent should be kept as is and not turned into a high rise senior living facility			
Closure of public beaches, additional traffic ect			
Parking is at a premium. Too congested in Series now. Am against loss of public Beach to Westminster . They will do anything to raise money, at expense of neighborhood. I understand they are running a business. I doubt the owners living in the shadows of the 22 story buildings will be happy.  Something suggest best plan of action. Going to March 11 meeting?  The Brock area is an example of what can be done.  Joan Stewart			
lived in the area in the 60's, too much over development, just about all the old cottages are gone around The Inlet.			
I'm concerned about the environmental impact and the issue of sea levels rising. There have been too many apartments built that are not allowing for open space and water runoff.  Both Overture and Point Chesapeake as well as the apartments off Great Neck are too close together, not enough room for trees and people to be outdoors.  Flooding on Shore Drive is always a problem, even after a light rain.  Traffic is already very heavy. People take chances making left turns. Pedestrians don't have many safe places to cross Shore Drive.  Parking is very difficult on the street. People who don't live on Shore Drive have a very difficult time finding parking. Access to the beach is becoming more difficult.  It appears that the city is OK with very high density population which affects the quality of life.  Westminster Canterbury's plan to enlarge will exacerbate the issues of environmental impact, traffic, flooding, parking and quality of life. Setting the precedent of allowing a 22 story tower is opening a			

can of worms for the future.

Please take these issues into serious consideration.

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I do not live in the area. However, it is very SPECIAL-there will not be any more-so why would the city want to ruin it?

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Infrastructure issues, traffic, pollution

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Living in this community and on the same beach this will impact me and my right to the public beach access considerably

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Not much. I pay my taxes and I expect city services to use them. What a private developer does is his business and if enhances economic development, all the better !

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This is basically a high end area with too many bars. There should be more, safer pedestrian walkways. It affects me because I live here. I would also like the beach to be patrolled for indecent attire (thongs) on men and women, dog rules and littering especially from the crabbing. I think you should be licensed to crab just like fishing.

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I don't mind the development. I know it's a great place to live... just wish the speed limit was 45 instead of 35

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It is across the street from where I live. Will directly affect my commute to work, as well as the view that I pay a premium to live on shore Drive.

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Noise, traffic, parking, beach access

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Changes traffic and a quiet place in VB that allows locals to avoid tourism. Chix beach has become consistently more crowded and this would exacerbate this process to an exponential amount. It would only be the beginning.

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Becoming too commercial and too congested like the oceanfront. That's why I moved to shore drive area.

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Shore drive has always been an area for locals. Allowing a large high rise will set a precedence that may open doors to more high rises and more people moving off of shore drive. Not only does this take away from the local community feeling of shore drive, it may worsen already unpleasant traffic conditions, ESPECIALLY during the summer season.

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Traffic is a big issue, along with the lack of public parking. This resorts to illegal street parking in the neighborhoods, blocking residents from their own properties. Making a 22 Story facility will set a precedent for future developers to potentially change plans that are in place to make larger buildings. Shore Drive is special in the sense it has a "Local" feel, and is not a big tourist destination. We already have that seven miles down the road at the Oceanfront. The Bay also does not need anymore potential pollution entering the waters. The bay already has high levels of bacteria, and this will contribute to that, negatively.

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As a property owner on Shore Drive, we don't need anymore congestion than we already have. Instead, substantial resources should be allocated to improve the infrastructure around Shore drive such as sidewalk access to promote more pedestrian traffic instead of vehicular traffic.

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construction causing traffic. noise etc.

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I live in lynnhaven colony so it impacts me directly. I want to preserve as much of the bay as possible to be used by the public. It would be a real shame to watch the city do this, which is clearly a money grab, instead of putting its citizens first. Once this building goes up it would not shock me if more go up, and knowing how easy this has been for the developers regardless of public opinion is absolutely terrifying to me.

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Disrupts shore drive scenery and decreases value of living there. Decreases my desire to stay on shore drive or frequent local businesses that could be pushed out and/or dwarfed by new huge towers

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It turns our entire community into a retirement community. The reason I moved to Virginia Beach was because of Shore Dr. It is a reprieve from the craziness of the resort area at the Ocean Front. It is a quiet beach community with a mixture of elderly, young, new and old. This would ruin that quaint little locals beach and turn it into a commercialized retirement community.

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In reference to this specific development, I don't want to see a high rise building. I like to go to the beach there, there goes the public access. I'm all for development but this isn't the ocean front, let's not turn it into that.

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I live in Chics Beach

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Traffic, crowding the area

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I am most concerned about wind field effects and beach erosion.

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This Westminster Canterbury building project will create more traffic congestion along Shore Drive. Parking will be a nightmare. Emergency vehicles will have difficulty getting rescue or fire services to WC residents. Flooding and storm runoff will be greatly impacted in a negative way. WC knew they were "landlocked" on either side of their complex. They need to build elsewhere!

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Traffic, lack of pedestrian sidewalks all the way on both sides, and when in the h\*ll will there be beach nourishment from Bay Lake Pines east to the Lynnhaven Inlet?

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Continue congestion is always a concern but the biggest concern is that a 22 story structure will totally change the look of the area and shade areas/homes that used to have sun. It's a terrible precedent.

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too many people/traffic in area

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The apartments next to the Lesner Bridge are too close to the road and architecturally unattractive. The Westminster-Canterbury expansion looks beautiful and they always keep their grounds looking lovely. Plus, those people don't go out to work and all necessary services are in-house (no traffic). They are apparently providing parking garages so residents and employees will have spaces and not be parked on our streets. The old hotel/convention Center at the Great Neck intersection is being upgraded and should be an attractive high-rise building with upscale facilities when finished soon. I'm proud to live in the Shore Drive area and the development is as expected in any desired area.

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I think development has been appropriate.

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Having more development brings more businesses in the area and helps our tax base!

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Helps to give more services

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My condo would be in the shade of the 22 story building as proposed and would be affected by noise pollution.

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Traffic increases  
Access for emergency services  
Loss of public beach access

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it doesn't

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Having just lived thru a small expansion by Westminster Bay Front, the constant daily noise affects our quality of life from the early morning hours until whatever time they decide to pack it up for the day. I specifically purchased a second home condo on the Bay for it's quiet, laid back atmosphere rather than at the Ocean Front. Those of us that live near it will have our quality of lives disrupted for 5 to 7 years..or longer. Secondly, I am shocked that with all that is known about sea level rise, the constant articles in the paper, flood mitigation, etc that our city would approved such a massive construction project that is basically on the water line. What does that do or will it do to the surrounding communities? Flood them? Thirdly, the 22 stories is not in keeping with any other building that is on Shore Drive. Again, I am shocked the City would even consider that height of a building. They need to go back to the drawing board and I hope the City Planners act responsibly rather than looking at the new tax dollars this project will send to the City coffers.

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This development and proposed development is in a stretch of Shore Drive that already has major traffic issues. The height of the proposed tower is out of touch with the feeling of the rest of mixed use neighborhood. It has already gone from single family homes - to apartment complexes - to multistory condos. Every addition adds more to the congestion.

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I live just off Ocean Shore Ave near Ebb Tide. Parking is atrocious enough during the summer, I'm worried this development will cause issues on my end of the street with beach parking. Illegal parking is the norm now, only to get worse when folks are forced down our end of Ocean Shore. I'd like to see lines painted for legal spots and making the road one way because of traffic increases.

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I am a long time resident and a local Realtor that has clients living in the immediate area of Ocean Shore Ave and other condos down there. I also am currently representing a buyer that is concerned about a purchase on Urchin Rd because of the Westminster expansion. There are many concerns about personal property being devalued (city assessments are already dropping in the immediate area). I am also seriously concerned that because of the money and influence from the residents of Westminster this will get pushed through one way or another and any high rise of that caliber will have a high impact of the values there. Construction will have an environmental impact. And a high rise being allowed will open the way for new and similar developments and negatively impact the community.

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No parking for beach access. Large buildings blocking views of pre existing buildings that have been there for years. Traffic congestion on the back streets is bad.

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Living in the Cape Story neighborhood all development in the affects us. The building of all the current condos/apartments in the area has already started to take away from the 'neighborhood' feel of this area.

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Over development

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Loss of light (condo adjacent to WBBC), disturbing the view, extra traffic, changing character of neighborhood, setting a precedent for overdevelopment.

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Shore Drive turning into "skyscraper" venue as is the Atlantic Beach - bay should not look like this which increases traffic tremendously.

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Too much traffic, no beach parking, not enough police presence on beach in summer

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Congestion on the roads and reduction of natural space

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Ive lived in the Lynnhaven Colony for 25 years and while the city allows condos to be built on every lot they have yet to complete sidewalks from the firehouse West of Lesner Bridge to Great Neck Road south side. Residents, bicyclist, tourist need to be able to access beach, and restaurants safely. Also, the high density is a concern. The city allowed two new very large complex's to be built the Overture and Marina Shore apartment complex. Oh, and then there will be the refurbished VB Conference Resort Hotel. There is going to be too many people and cars concentrate in a 2 mile radius.

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Yes. The beach area is fragile. And with this kind of development and climate change it will be disastrous.

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The Overture construction is a nuisance creating extra traffic besides blocking views of the bay. It was built much too close to the bridge. Perhaps that is the reason it remains mostly unoccupied?

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No issues with the WCCB plan

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Development is good for the area - increases the services available to residents

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Westminster Canterbury knew they were "landlocked" when they first built their existing complex. WC needs to buy land elsewhere to build.

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I live close to WCCB and do not want a 22 story building next to me.

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traffic congestion overpopulation overtaxing infrastructure

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I own/live in Long Creek Cove, the houses directly in front of "Marina Shores Marina" where the new massive apartment complex is being built. The construction is 7 days a week, 7am to 6pm and the traffic is going to be unbelievable once the renters move in. Keep in mind that a traffic light is not going in at Lynnhaven Dr. and Great Neck where most people constantly exceed 45 mph. I love the area but it's way overbuilt and my family has owned a business in VB since 1952, we've seen the progression.

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It will be an atrocity as too large for this particular area: over 2/3 larger than the use within which area it is defined.

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The proposed WC expansion project is a nightmare situation for all who live in the Ocean Shore Drive area. The noise, increased traffic problems, and the potential damage caused by the building to other condominiums is not acceptable. Our property values will be affected and along with the structural damage to our existing buildings this building project must not be allowed to move forward as planned. Also there is no way that a 22 story building filled with seniors could ever be considered a safe environment for the residents. And just as important as the above listed items, Westminster Canterbury has never been good neighbors in spite of what they claim. The area around the existing

beach access has become a smoker's gauntlet and is always filled with trash and litter, including cigarette butts, plastic water bottles (sometimes filled with urine), plastic gloves, etc. It is impossible to walk on the sidewalk due to the heavy smell of smoke.

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I am worried about blocking views for ocean shore condos....traffic will increase.  
worried sun will be blocked on beach for ocean shore condo

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Lowers property value because beach access will be terrible. Sun on beach will be blocked much of the day because of 20+ story building.  
While building it....it will be many many many months of dust, dirt, no parking for guests, and the NOISE.

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On the ocean side, I don't want my water view blocked or the public beach access moved, And I don't want the public trespassing on our condo common areas or using our condo pool. On the street side, the new bridge is nice and the small retailers are convenient.

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The increased traffic, drainage problems, and destruction of the community follow directly from this industrial bay front development. The residents of this facility do not interact much with the community at large and have no interest as to what occurs outside this facility. This is an industrial warehouse for the aged not an expansion of our community. What is the cost benefit of building directly on the bay? Surely there is a more suitable location off the waterfront in VB. The current residents are rarely seen in the existing bay front courtyard. The shadow cast by the 22 story bay front tower will materially and economically affect all existing businesses/residents of the area and encourage additional construction of this scale along the bay.

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I am an Ocean Shore condos resident...this proposal is completely unreasonable, these people are arrogant and think they can do whatever they want. This ridiculously tall building will impede our views, cause traffic and public service problems, increased noise, and absolutely not conducive to the quality of living in this beachfront area. All of us in Ocean Shore are against this complete disregard for Shore Drive, the beaches, and we were here first!!

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I want to make sure I can enjoy the beach condo environment as long as possible.

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Should conform to what is here now. Beach access should not be on both sides of our property.

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DOWNGRADE OF PROPERTY VALUE

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I live on Ocean Shore Avenue so any development affects my family.

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Additional traffic and parking problems. Large additional to Westminster Canterbury takes away from the residential beach feel on the bay and may affect property values

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Overcrowding, increases already bad parking situation, potentially impacting property values in neighboring communities.

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Traffic, quality of life, beach use (crabbers leave trash, hooks, bait etc on/in sand),  
noise from large A/C units connected with high rise buildings, delivery trucks to high rise buildings

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Parking becomes more and more of a problem. There isn't enough parking now. That only worsens with more development.

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I live on Ocean Shore Avenue and any development will affect my family personally.

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I am a resident next door to the proposed expansion. It will effect my enjoyment of the sun. The shade from building will effect the melt of snow and ice causing accidents. It will reduce property values which I need for my health care in old age. Too much traffic will occur.

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I am very concerned regarding the very negative community impact of this project.

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I live on the streets affected and worry about bicycle access and handicap access for the streets that are too tight now

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I have lived on Shore Drive for almost 20 years and believe I will have to move if this project proceeds on the scale proposed.

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Too much development in this area is now having a significant impact on our flooding issues.

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I live off Shore Dr. so everything affects me personally....

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Westminster is a private company, and they are operating within the laws/codes. This is not a protected wildlife area that they are considering. It is outside my neighborhood so this should not even be posted on the Ocean Park civic league page.

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Over crowding

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Immediate reduction of real estate values and increasing tax assessments to force out other land owners so the entire bay front can go towers. Construction is not consistent with either the need nor the existing architecture and charming character that has developed in the immediate neighborhood that boosts real estate value attracting buyers. Thank you for keeping our neighborhood from renovation.

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I live in close proximity of the area in question.  
By building such a monstrosity one would be taking away from the beauty of waterfront ownership  
The location is a neighborhood, not a place for such a structure.  
Shore drive is already a traffic nightmare and has proven to be unsafe for pedestrians crossing, additional traffic would be an unthinkable nightmare.

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Increases traffic and parking problems; more trash on the beach

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Live in the areas so would be affected by construction noise and finished development, potentially affecting property values. Can't say all the impacts as don't have all the details on the project.

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Not at all

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I don't want it to turn into Condo Canyon, like the Oceanfront.

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We have always loved this area since the late 1990's & were excited to move to our condo on 2014. We have watched the development of too many complexes that impact our area.

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Traffic along with uncontrolled growth has destroyed a once beautiful area in Va. Beach. Thank god for Seashore State Park. Or will that too fall victim to this out of control development policy.

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I live in Cape Story by the Sea and I am effected by the increase of dangerous, heavy traffic and increased criminal activity. Also, living along the Bay Front area, the city doesn't seem to give us the considerations that it offers the Ocean Front. Tourist are bused from the ocean front to our beaches and leave trash and use the bushes as restrooms because of lack of facilities. Dogs are constantly on the beach with and many without leashes during the posted times that they are not allowed. I know resources are limited but I think many people feel like the city's "step-children". We pay taxed too, but don't get the same attention. Now, it seems that the city is giving permission for the gross growth that has taken place along the Shore Drive area in the past many years. The Marina Shores apartment-condo (whatever it is to be) was another very quietly done project!) The city is not transparent enough and it seems too many people are just plain greedy. Just my opinion! But I am thinking I am not alone that feels this way.

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Age restricted properties like WC provide a needed service to the community and have far less impact on the public than non age restricted developments.

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We live here!

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Drive by there all the time. We do not need to create another area like the VB Oceanfront.

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The idea of a 22 story building is ludicrous and does not blend in with the present look of Shore Drive. It will be a monolithic eye sore. I am frankly shocked that this would even be considered.

Is anything being done by the communities along Shore Drive to oppose this? I was out of the loop for a few months and was shocked to see this proposal. Diane