

Dear Members of the Chicago Plan Commission,

With great respect, we are writing to you to express our concerns regarding the planned development #168 submitted by Rush University Medical Center.

The abovementioned development is located across the Loomis Street from the Chicago World Language Academy, a Magnet Chicago Public School that serves hundreds of students from all over the city. The traffic before and after school is already congested without the proposed development. The increased traffic especially at the intersection of Loomis Street and Harrison Street or Congress Way raises a significant safety concern for the students attending Chicago Language Academy and the nearby Whitney Young High School when they are on foot traffic to and from school, especially with only stop sign at the intersection of Loomis and Congress Way that are often ignored by some drivers. We are asking for the change of the current stop sign to traffic light to improve the pedestrians' safety.

The other concern is the increased noise level from the construction and the ambulance traffic after the hospital opens. The current traffic on Harrison Street is moderate and we do not wish to deal with the construction noise during the early morning and ambulance siren at late night. We are requesting that the entrance for the ambulance and general traffic to the hospital be limited to the north side on Congress way for better regulation of the traffic and noise.

Lastly, the construction of Rush Hospital Tower years ago was believed to have affected the structure of our houses. There have been several reported rain leakages through the window frames on the Harrison side. Now with the construction site much closer to our houses, how can the damage be assessed and even prevented?

We hope you understand our concerns and provide measures to address them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Owners of the Units in Garibaldi Square

1409 W. Harrison Street

1413 W. Harrison Street

1415 W. Harrison Street

1417 W. Harrison Street

1419 W. Harrison Street