

**Deputation - Gurpreet Kaur**

**Item 6A – Vendor Award: Common Area Accessibility Renovations at 220 Oak Street (Report:BIFAC:2026-23); and**

**Item 6B - Vendor Award: Comprehensive Envelope and Mechanical Retrofit at 91 Augusta Avenue (Report:BIFAC:2026-24)**

**BIFAC Public Meeting March 24, 2026**

Good morning, Chair and Committee members. My name is Gurpreet Kaur, and I am speaking on Items 6A and 6B regarding the renovation projects.

I would like to highlight how construction activities can impact residents, particularly families with young children or special needs.

For some households, construction is more than an inconvenience. Noise and disruptions can be especially challenging for children who are sensitive to sound or changes in routine. This can lead to distress and make daily routines more difficult to manage.

There are also practical challenges. During peak times, such as mornings, elevator access can be limited due to construction use. Longer wait times can create difficulties for residents who need to leave on time for school, work, or appointments.

In addition, the use of elevators by construction crews with equipment can make it harder for residents to safely and comfortably share the space, particularly when managing children.

With this in mind, I would like the committee to consider:

- How can disruptions be minimized for residents who are more sensitive to noise and environmental changes?
- Can additional supports or accommodations be considered for families during construction periods?
- Can elevator usage be better managed during high-demand times, such as mornings?

I would also like to acknowledge that communication with residents has been helpful and appreciated. However, alongside communication, continued attention to resident experience during construction is important.

These projects are valuable, and their success can also be reflected in how well they support residents throughout the process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.