

25 June 2020

**Petition Regarding claude wittmann's Dehousing**

Following the continued displacement of the artists living at 17 Paton Road, despite an [earlier petition](#), we the undersigned declare our support for claude wittmann in his request to be assigned the Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) unit currently available at Wychwood Barns.

**We believe that to consider claude as an exceptional case in an exceptional context and facing an unprecedented situation is justified.**

The whole Province has been in a state of emergency for a while and still is. He is dehousing by the type of orders from the City that no housing advocates have seen served in Toronto before. This is quite exceptional already. He has led his neighbours into and contributed hours and hours to the hard work done to try to save his building as affordable in Toronto. That could deserve the gesture of allowing him what he says he needs. His landlady recently threatened to change the locks on all units at 17 Paton Road. He is an aging, immigrant transman who lives with a multi-faceted Disability. He is an ODSP recipient with a very low income, currently unemployed, the reason for which an RGI unit would be perfect. He is statistically more at risk of discrimination by landlords and of experiencing verbal or physical violence in all housing that is not a safe long-term home where he has community. His health is affected. He has found what he needs. Artscape agrees. He has been on their waiting list for more than 7 years. It is time to see a human life.

The true doctor in this situation is the City itself. The City can decide to not add trauma. We request that you overturn your decision to deny him the RGI Unit at Artscape Wychwood Barns.

Signed,

1. Kathleen Rea, Artistic director of REASON d'être dance productions
2. Adriana Disman, artist, social-justice activist, Trinity Bellwoods resident, researcher of diagnosis: M.A. York University, PhD Candidate QMoUL.
3. Tobaron Waxman, artist, MFA School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Trans Collections, The ArQuives.
4. Cara Spooner, artist & Public Programming Manager at Workman Arts (arts and mental health organization in Toronto).
5. Helene Vosters, artist-scholar, PhD. Postdoctoral Fellow, McMaster University.
6. Sara Kelly, Communications & Development Manager, Workman Arts.
7. Paul Couillard, PhD Candidate York University.
8. Jessica Jang, Education Manager, Workman Arts

9. Simla Civelek
10. Paulina Wiszowata, Visual Arts Coordinator, Workman Arts
11. Leena Raudvee
12. Simon Rabyiuk, M.Arch University of Toronto
13. Alisha Mascarenhas, writer, MFA, Pratt Institute
14. Moynan King, PhD, Independent Theatre and Performance Artist and Scholar
15. David Oliver
16. Nilan Perera, Chair and CEO of the Ass'n of Improvising Musicians of Toronto
17. Eliza Chandler, Ryerson University
18. Jenine Marsh, artist, writer & educator; MFA University of Guelph
19. Max Ferguson, MFA University of Regina; PhD Candidate, York University; Curator in Residence, Tangled Art + Disability
20. Dorota Dziong, Visual artist
21. Emma Gaudio, Communications & Education Assistant, Workman Arts
22. Erin Robinsong, writer & PhD Candidate at Concordia
23. Lauren Fournier, writer, curator, professor/sessional instructor, University of Toronto
24. Andrea de Keijzer, doula Alternative Naissance
25. Clayton Lee, Rhubarb Festival Director, Buddies in Bad Times
26. Xenia Benivolski, Curator: MVS Candidate, University of Toronto
27. Samantha Richter, Worker-Owner and Sales Manager, Urbane Cyclist Workers Co-op
28. Cassie Scott, Massage Therapy Diploma Candidate (October 2020)
29. Katie Bond Pretti, Visual Artist
30. Arash Ghiassi, Lawyer at Income Security Advocacy Centre
31. Norma Araiza, Registered Psychotherapist, performing artist.
32. Ingrid McKhool
33. Bryn McAuley, MA University of Waterloo, CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation
34. Jennifer Murphy, Visual Artist, BFA Queen's University
35. Heath Soave, Paralegal at Scarborough
36. Community Legal Services
37. Eli Langer, Visual Artist
38. Kelly Straughan, Executive Artistic Director, Workman Arts
39. Alex Durlak, Standard Form, Idée Fixe Records, Perish Publishing
40. David Golden, Visual Artist
41. Trevor Manson, Secretary, ODSP Action Coalition
42. Wanda Nanibush, curator, AGO
43. Jess Dobkin
44. Moe Angelos
45. Johnson Ngo, Public Programming, AGO
46. Jack Bride, Visual Artist, BFA A.U.A
47. Adam Herst
48. T. Nikki Cesare Schotzko, Associate Professor, University of Toronto
49. Johnny Ryan, musician and hairstylist

50. Coman Poon, social justice advocate and management consultant
51. Brian Smith, Architect and Social Housing Consultant, City of Toronto (retired)
52. Sophie Traub, M.A. York University, Associate Curator for the National Art Centre, Co-director of The School of Making Thinking
53. Timothy Maxwell, Community Initiatives and Communications, Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services
54. Gary Bloch, Family Physician; Associate Professor, University of Toronto
55. Julie Lassonde, performance artist and lawyer
56. Jackie Esmonde, Canadian Union of Public Employees
57. Vanessa Dion Fletcher, Independent artist, Member Diane Frankling Co-operative Homes.
58. Mikiki, Artist, Harm Reduction and Community Health Activist
59. Beth Austerberry
60. Barry Isenor
61. Maxine Heppner, Across Oceans Arts, Arts Educator, Canadian Dance Assembly Pluralism committee member, Board of Directors Intergalactic Arts Collective
62. Felix Heeb
63. Madeline Quinn Morris, PsyD Candidate, MUN
64. Caitlin Durlak, Filmmaker
65. Johannes Zits, Artist
66. Valentin Brown, Artist, ODSP recipient and survivor of homelessness, and medical and family of origin trauma
67. Hannah Donegan, Film Producer, Fathom Film Group
68. AJ Medland, Neighbour @ 17 Paton Rd
69. Lanie Chalmers, Registered Psychotherapist (Qualifying), Bloordale resident)
70. Katherine Duncanson, Yoga Instructor, Music Educator, Interdisciplinary Artist
71. Shannon Cochrane, Artistic Director, FADO Performance Art Centre / Artist
72. Catherine Sicot, Director/curator, Elegoa Cultural Productions
73. Tonjha Richardson, Artist, Curator, Advocate
74. Yousef Kadoura, Artist, producer, writer.
75. Victoria Anne Warner, Research Coordinator, Tangled Art + Disability
76. Marc Audette
77. Barbara Disman, ESL Language Teacher and IELTS Examiner
78. Bojana Videkanic, artist, Associate Professor University of Waterloo; member of the Toronto Performance Art Collective and 7a\*11d Performance Festival.
79. Shannon Linde, Curator, Equitable Bank; co-curator Aisle 4; designer and artist
80. Lori Riznek, Professor, University of Toronto
81. Jessica Runge, Dance Artist, Treasurer of Intergalactic Arts Collective, Artscape Tenant.
82. Jennifer Rose Sciarrino, Visual Artist
83. Mouna Traore, Actor & Filmmaker
84. Ali Weinstein, Filmmaker
85. Rebecca Todd, Professor of neuroscience and psychology
86. Lise Beaudry, Visual artist

87. Stephanie Kerr, Actor, Communications Specialist
88. Teegan Mannion, writer, writing workshop facilitator
89. Stephanie Pickering, Television Producer
90. June Clark, visual artist
91. Amy Walton, Television Producer
92. Amanda Fahel, Copywriter
93. Dr. Milada Disman, Art Psychotherapist
94. Eric Gold, Artist, TV Editor
95. Jacob Whibley, Graphic Arts Director, Souleppper Theatre Company
96. Ame Henderson, choreographer, Psychotherapist trainee Gestalt Institute of Toronto
97. Marie-Josée Chartier, choreographer, director, educator
98. Keith Southey, retired
99. Johanne Durocher, CBC/Radio-Canada Corporate Communications Advisor
100. Mona Filip, Director/Curator, Koffler Gallery
101. Anne Fauteux, artist/designer
102. anique vered, international consultant and researcher - UNDP, UNITAR, European Commission, among others
103. Johnny Spence, artist, community arts facilitator
104. Parmbir Gill, lawyer
105. Iris Haeussler, artist
106. donna kerbel, retired musician, artist, home owner
107. Carolyn Taylor
108. Kristen den Hartog, writer
109. Kim Simon
110. Kate Marshall Flaherty, Poet, Yoga Instructor, HS Teacher, Activist, Toronto, ONT. Canada
111. Zeesy Powers, M5T 1L6
112. Suzanne Siskind, Registered Psychotherapist, Bloordale Resident
113. Francisco-Fernando Granados, artist/Assistant Professor, Faculty of Art, OCAD University
114. Nadia Belerique, Artist
115. Clara Arnold, retired business exec
116. Yogi Akal, Sikh Minister
117. Robert Anthony O'Halloran, Visual Artist
118. Kim Fullerton, Director, Akimbo Art Promotions; Past Board President, Tangled Art + Disability
119. Ruth Danziger, Interdisciplinary artist and storyteller
120. Valerie Moysey, Interdisciplinary arts facilitator
121. Sara Angelucci, artist, Adjunct Professor, Ryerson University
122. Cyn Rozeboom, Executive Director, Tangled Art + Disability
123. Elaine Stewart M4K 1K8
124. Dominique Denis M4C 1T5
125. Christina De Marchi M6G3V1

126. Anna Camilleri, Artistic Co-Director, Red Dress Productions
127. Tristan R Whiston, Artistic Co-Director, Red Dress Productions
128. Nick Storrington, Composer/ Music Critic / Music Curator
129. Steven Bush, Writer, Actor, Senior Lecturer (retired) University of Toronto
130. Loredana Bruni, Instructional Designer
131. Sarah Dearing, Writer
132. Wy Joung Kou, Artist
133. Steff Juniper, Artist
134. *Lucia Costa*, Deputy Exec. Director - The Empowerment Council
135. Jen Roy, movement artist, Co-Founder of The Cyborg Circus Project
136. Catherine Marrion, Expressive Arts Therapist, Theatre Professor (retired)
137. Radha Nayar, Nayar Consulting
138. Joseph Muscat, Visual Artist
139. Tamyka Bullen; ASL instructor, ASL poet and performer
140. Karin Baqi, Lawyer
141. Keith Cole
142. Holly Timpener, Graduate researcher, Performer
143. Mée Rose - Artist and Childcare Worker
144. Alex Cafarelli - Gardener, Writer
145. Margaret Alexander - George Brown College Professor
146. Verena Trautwein-Maranger, jewelry artist in Munich Germany
147. Emily Montgomery
148. Diedrich Markovich, University of Toronto staff member
149. Laura Kay Keeling, Idée Fixe Records / visual artist
150. Jeff van Helvoort, Vessel Packaging Co.
151. Marta Boutchma
152. Edward Bacal, PhD - Instructor, University of Toronto
153. Maxwell Chan, BSc - University of Toronto, DMD student - University of British Columbia, Musician
154. Jennifer Watkins, BFA, Arts Consultant, Founder Open Arts
155. Laura Demers, Artist, Education and Exhibition Curator at The Power Plant
156. Gautam Garoo, Visual Artist.
157. Amy Fung
158. Miles Rufelds, artist, MVS graduate, U of T
159. Brian Abbott, musician
160. Wanda vanderStoop, Vtape Distribution Director, artists' advocate.
161. Susan Lee, choreographer, Assistant Professor, York University
162. Natalie Breton, Actor, Sol Express, L'Arche Daybreak/Instructor BREM
163. Julien Zhu
164. Lorene Bourgeois, visual artist
165. Ed Johnson RCM, visual artist
166. Laurie Kang, Artist
167. Cheryl Zinyk, frontline worker/ artist facilitator

168. Tracey Norman, independent dance artist; Contract Faculty York University
169. Lindaj Feeseey, filmmaker and librarian, toronto public library MFA York U, MI U  
Toronto
170. Fiona Griffiths, RN,MFA,MA, healer, teacher, Theatre Artist.
171. Zili Zhou, BSc - McGill University
172. Michael Overall
173. Andrew Morgan
174. Alexandre Lafortune, P. Eng
175. Maya Bedward, Filmmaker
176. Haley Park
177. Johanna Householder, Professor Emerita, OCAD University
178. Sylvie Bouchard, Festival Director Dusk Dances
179. Claro Cosco
180. Sophie Angers
181. David Avendano-Gutte
182. Michael Stoeber, College Professor
183. Boshen Cui, Computer Science & Business Administration, University of Waterloo
184. Doug Tielli
185. Holly Small, choreographer, dramaturge, Professor Emerita - York University
186. Natasha Myers, Associate Professor, Anthropology, York University
187. Lisa Fitzgibbons, Davenport Constituent
188. Lynda Hill, artistic director, WeeFestival of Arts & Culture, and Davenport constituent
189. Sandy McLeod
190. Andrew Moir, Documentary Filmmaker
191. Anil Purandaré, President, Red Dress Productions board of directors
192. Ana Teresa Portillo. Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust Chair, PhD Candidate  
Social and Political Thought York University, Community Benefits Organizer, Mutual Aid  
Parkdale member.
193. Leah Landry, Ottawa
194. Carrie Perreault, visual artist
195. David Hoekstra, Props builder
196. Maya Findlay, Artistic Assistance at Sol Express, L'Arche Toronto
197. Samuel Gruszecki, CAMH
198. Mamta Pranjivan, Ayurveda Practitioner
199. Meryem Alaoui
200. Melanie MacDonald, Video editor, Davenport constituent
201. Chelsey Pangilinan
202. Marian Mendoza
203. Alysha Mendes
204. Mishail Adeel
205. Charles Chiu, MA. Executive Director, Charlie's Freewheels
206. Erick Fabris, writer
207. Jen Robertson

208. Alice Klein, editor/publisher Doctor of Laws
  209. Laura “lo” Bil, Artist and PT Faculty at Sheridan College, Davenport riding
  210. Gabriel Levine, Professor of Theatre at York University, Davenport riding
  211. Caro Cloutier, Registered Psychotherapist- Expressive Arts, Roncesvalles Area
  212. Chun Hua Catherine Dong, artist, Montreal
  213. Suzanne Liska Dance artist, contract dance faculty York University, teacher TDSB
  214. Alicia Grant
  215. Anne Bourne, Composer, Chalmers Fellow, Toronto
  216. Maria Legault, Artist/Researcher, Toronto.
  217. Stephanie Rogers, Registered Massage Therapist, Writer
  218. Cathy Gordon, Festival & Community Engagement Manager at Luminato, Annex neighborhood, Toronto
  219. Lilia Leon, Dance and Theatre Artist
  220. Kayla Milmine
  221. Bobby Theodore, writer/translator, Toronto
  222. Kathleen Smith, writer
  223. Grey Muldoon, Artist and Faith Celebrant (a.k.a “Minister”)
  224. Jenn Goodwin. Independent Artist & Curator. Producer- Nuit Blanche Toronto
  225. Jeremy Mimmagh, photographer
  226. pher
  227. Gerry Trentham, Inter-Arts Dance Artist
  228. Barbara Gilbert, Arts Administrator
  229. Carolyn Woods, Dance Artist, Pilates and Kundalini yoga Instructor
  230. Brendan Weston, Teacher, TDSB, Toronto
  231. Rebecca Campbell, musician, TRANZAC BoD, arts advocate, Davenport consitituent
  232. Victoria Stanton, artist, part-time faculty and PhD candidate at Concordia University
  233. Greg Cook, Outreach Worker, Sanctuary Ministries of Toronto
  234. Jeff Bierk, Artist
  235. Alan Beattie, Exec Director, Sanctuary Ministries of Director
  236. Alison Cooley, Assistant Curator, Blackwood Gallery, University of Toronto
- Mississauga
237. Heidi Persaud, Event Coordinator, Tangled Art + Disability
  238. Steve Hunter, social enterprise manager @ Switchback Cyclery
  239. Lyf Stolte, Artistic Director, Sanctuary Ministries of Toronto
  240. Donald Sturrock, Kitchen Manager, Sanctuary Ministries of Toronto
  241. André Éric Létourneau, Professeur, Université du Québec à Montréal
  242. Cynthia Leung, Co-Manager at Switchback Cyclery
  243. Adrian Blackwell, University of Waterloo Architecture
  244. Danny Gaudreault, performance artist
  245. Fabienne Chan, Data Analyst, Properly Inc.
  246. Cindy Lu, BScN
  247. Jane Hutton, University of Waterloo Architecture
  248. Tiffany Yeung, RN, BScN, BA

- 249. Kim Kandravy
- 250. Gabrielle Earnshaw, MAS
- 251. Rachel Tulloch, ThD candidate, U of T
- 252. Molly McGovern
- 253. Georgiana Uhlyarik
- 254. Meagan O'Shea, artistic director and artist
- 255. Kristina McMullin, Communications Manager: Tangled Art + Disability, Student and Research Assistant: Ryerson University
- 256. Aamna Muzaffar, Assistant Curator, Mercer Union, a centre for contemporary art
- 257. Heidi Strauss, Artistic Director, adelheid
- 258. Silum Zhang
- 259. Darian Razdar, MSc Planning, University of Toronto
- 260. Esther Simmonds-MacAdam, University of Toronto
- 261. J.L Notto, JNBT Consulting, Toronto ON
- 262. Joshua Barndt, Executive Director, Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust
- 263. Paul Walty, visual artist
- 264. Nabila Qureshi, Lawyer
- 265. Justina Zatzman, Membership and Hospital Programming Manager, Workman Arts
- 266. Laura Levin, Theatre & Performance Studies professor, York University
- 267. b.h. Yael, OCAD University
- 268. Lorena Narvaez, Sustainability and Clean Technology Coordinator, Maison Tucker
- 269. Taylor Nelles-McGee, MSc Neuroscience (pend.), Musician
- 270. Zach Bines, Musician
- 271. Anna Silverstein
- 272. Greg Seljak, University of Toronto Alum, M5R2T2
- 273. Aimée Dawn Robinson
- 274. Ronit Jinich, M.ES, M6C1L9
- 275. Mary Hay, former Artscape employee
- 276. Dwain Jones
- 277. Jen Evans, CEO, SqueezeCMM
- 278. Cathy Crowe, RN, C.M.
- 279. Trisha Lamie, Associate Professor, University of Toronto Scarborough
- 280. Basil AlZeri, Artist