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I'm writing in response to the letter you sent on October 7, 2020.

I want to express that I am deeply disturbed by the reoccurring incidences of anti-Black racism are taking place on the EllisDon construction site on our property. These hateful acts are further demonstration that this problem is systemic and the response to racial discrimination needs to be stronger, louder and escalated immediately.

On October 6, 2020, I penned an [open letter to Geoff Smith, President and CEO, EllisDon](#). Like you, I strongly believe that further action must be taken to demonstrate that hate will not be tolerated by those who perpetrate these acts and have asked EllisDon to make further changes on this job site. We need to collectively to do more to keep construction workers, our hospital community, employees, patients, neighbours, residents and local businesses safe. I am pleased that Geoff Smith has committed to following through on some very important safety measures on this site.

There is no place for racism in our community. These acts of racism must be stopped.

Sincerely,



Sarah Downey, President & CEO,
Michael Garron Hospital | Toronto East Health Network

cc: Geoff Smith, President & CEO, EllisDon
Jeff McKay, Vice President Public Private Partnerships, EllisDon