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To Mayor and Councillors: Re Public Hearing February 23, for 1575-1577 W Georgia and 620 Cardero Street

I urge you to listen carefully to the concerns of the neighbours who live near this proposed development, and if you decide to approve this application, do everything you can to mitigate the expected disruptions, traffic congestion, noise, dust, dirt, and air particulates, which will affect the entire neighbourhood. Hastings Street is on the north side of the development, and right now this block is closed to vehicle traffic, but I assume the street will be used for demolition and construction equipment and for vehicles coming and going.

Immediately across Hastings from the proposed development are the 2 buildings called the Coal Harbour Housing Cooperative. The CHHC was built for "families, elderly, and handicapped persons". Across Cardero is the Performing Arts Lodge, designed for retired people. Right next door on Georgia is the huge Bayview rental complex, and just down the street, is Bayshore Drive with 7 towers and the Bayshore Hotel where, in the summer months there is a steady stream of tour buses, taxis and vehicles coming and going up and down Cardero Street. Cardero is also used by vehicles and trucks as a way of by-passing some of the Georgia Street traffic heading for the Lions Gate Bridge.

All the children who live in the CHHC and in the surrounding towers must cross Georgia Street to get to public school, and many of the elderly pedestrians are not as mobile as they once were. So, safety for all on the streets is a huge major concern with this proposed development in this already congested area, as is the associated noise, and air pollution from dust and construction particles for the long period of demolition and construction- perhaps years! This project is the first of a huge series of projects being proposed for our neighbourhood. Managing the logistics to minimize impact on the neighbourhood is very important. The totality of these projects is immense and will require integrative planning.

Residents and Strata Presidents belonging to the Coal Harbour Residents' Association, have contacted the CHRA Board expressing their many concerns about how this proposal will likely affect the neighbourhood: the extra traffic, street blockages and even more congestion than there is now, the noise, air pollution from dust and cement, grinding and other construction impacts - but people are especially worried about their SAFETY: on the streets and sidewalks, the air quality, and noise. Being vigilant about safety issues in our busy residential neighbourhood is one of the CHRA's major goals. Over the years the CHRA has appreciated the efforts of City Staff to address our organization's concerns about safety for all users of our streets and walkways. Keeping our streets and sidewalks safe, and our air quality (noise and particulates) acceptable for all users during the proposed demolition and construction will be a challenge that first of all must be recognized, and then the ramifications carefully thought through and addressed. You must insist on having best practices procedures in place to mitigate the concerns brought forward by Coal Harbour residents if you approve this development and I trust that you will be judicious in your decision-making.

Respectfully submitted

Loretta Sieben

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