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I and many of my peers, aka the millennials or as we all jokingly refer to us as "the ones no one cares about" fully support the Mount Pleasant Industrial Area zoning and development amendments to support the digital and creative industries. This is necessary to facilitate the growth of Vancouver's innovation economy.

This change should have happened years ago and I urge the City to be more proactive and not let this city fall behind some of Canada's other urban centres who are also vying to be the silicon valley of the north. I am sick of my friends back east talking about how Toronto is far more progressive. Lets eliminate red tape wherever possible.

We as a city need to and must support this growing class of individuals that are creating companies from the ground up and employing hundreds if not thousands. They are one of the main reasons for keeping many people in this city. You take this out and the brain drain to Eastern Canada and other parts of the world would be immense.

The rise of the high tech industry also supports the rise of the cafe culture and the craft breweries. Many of the workers and owners also invest back into the arts and culture.

Lets keep moving Mount Pleasant forward. The area between 2nd avenue to the north and Broadway to the South between Main and Cambie has the ability to become a cultural, creative and economic engine for this city. As we grow the need to develop regions outside of the downtown peninsula are key and Mount Pleasant is the catalyst.

Cheers,

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