

January 22, 2017

Dear Mayor Robertson and the Council of the City of Vancouver,

Recently, in Oct 2016, I was informed that the city was forming a plan to rezone the area of Mount Pleasant. I commend the city for taking action to industrialize and improve the area with richer resources to better the community for economic growth and prosperity. I believe what the city is doing is working towards benefiting the people in Vancouver. It took me by surprise, however, how greatly this would impact me as an individual and the ones around me in this community.

In 2009, I discovered the church/ non-profit organization Light and Love Home on Main and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. My first impression? A run down building with paint peeling off the interior and exterior surfaces with floral brown outdated carpet inside. Nevertheless, when I went into this building for an interview as a university student with a primary motive to volunteer, meet new friends and gain some experience, who knew I would still be standing here 7 years today as a changed person.

Light and Love Home for several years has continuously put the local community as a priority. Hundreds of other people who come to Light and Love Home and this church, just like me, experience their own life changing story. As an inexperienced and shy volunteer, I have gradually become a confident and outgoing staff member. From not knowing how to help one child in a classroom, I can now instruct a whole classroom of children to learn and play games together. From a person with few close friends, I have gained a whole new network of friends in the community and around the world.

What I have witnessed over this time, is the life changing and wonderful work that Light and Love Home is doing. By offering a variety of free to lower cost programs, to name a few, tutoring, dance, music, exercise classes to the community, all people of different background and age groups can join with no financial barriers and enjoy the time coming together to build long term relationships. They're programs offer a safe place for families, seniors, children, students to all come together.

Light and Love Home does not just stop there, they continuously outreach to many different third world countries. I was also given the opportunity to travel to South Africa and not only witness but be a part of building a safe location and programs for the local people.

What I hope for is not for the city to stop doing what they are doing, but to consider what Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver is also doing to make this community a better place. Together we can make difference. Please let us continue our services.

Sincerely,

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To Mr. Gregor Robertson and the Vancouver City Council,

I am writing in response to the proposed Mount Pleasant Industrial Area zoning changes. I understand and appreciate the City of Vancouver's purpose of supporting job growth in the Vancouver economy with the proposed changes, but I am reluctant to stay passive and support a plan that may disregard the importance of community and religion. Specifically referring to Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver, I strongly urge the city to consider allowing said organization to remain in its current location to serve the community.

While in my second year of university at UBC, I started volunteering with Love Your Neighbour Club in affiliation with Light and Love Home, and was involved in activities ranging from teaching children in summer day camp to serving seniors, from collecting garbage and cleaning the Mount Pleasant and surrounding neighbourhoods, to participating in charity run and sales for countries in need, and travelling to volunteer in the slums of Fiji with a team from Light and Love Home. These myriad of experiences widened my world view and was fundamental to my growth, it humbled me and built me up. What amazed me and kept me involved in this organization is the fact that it is a 0% administration fee organization, purely volunteer based, and how it inspires the regression of egoistic values and development of compassion.

During my involvement with volunteering in the past 8 years, I also found my faith at the Church of God in Vancouver, and I learned the importance of nurturing not only the physical aspects of my life, but the mental and spiritual. More than socioeconomically, my life direction was enriched by the purpose and meaning that I found in God, and it has become a core aspect of my identity and life. As such, I hope the city will respect the importance of faith and religion as a part of our culture and diversity in this community, and an undeniably vital aspect of the multicultural identity of Vancouver, and our country. Due to attending the church at 123 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, I have also found a sense of belonging within the surrounding neighbourhood, spending hours studying after church at VPL, and numerous cafés/restaurants.

Though economic improvement is imperative and warranted, but so is development of character, spirituality and faith, and the overall sense of community. The positive impact that Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver has contributed over the years is irrefutable. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the City of Vancouver can take Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver in to consideration in the future plans for development, and allow the continuation of their good works at their current location.

With respect,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ming Mei Zhang', written in a cursive style.

Ming Mei Zhang

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January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

To Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver:

I sincerely would like to appeal the City of Vancouver let Light and Love Home can continue their services in the community.

When I was born extremely premature at 24 weeks, I needed to face a lot of different difficulties. I give thanks that I can grow up in the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home. I have gained much help and support from the people and volunteers there, and I feel the warm and love just like a sweet family. To love, to care, to share is their vision and it really opens my eyes to know more about the need of the poor of the world. Most important is that I can set my goal of my life to be more meaningful for helping people. Actually I learnt a lot from the people in the church and the LLH.

It is very pitiful if the LLH cannot continue their services in this community. Therefore, I strongly hope that the City of Vancouver can recognize and support the LLH to continue their service while having the rezoning.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jedidiah Chu

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To the Mayor and Vancouver City Council.

Hello, my name is Enoch Cheng and I am part of the Mount Pleasant community. I would like to let you know that I support the rezoning of the Mount Pleasant area and I think that it will benefit the community in many ~~ways~~ ways. However, I think that this rezoning will cause a few problems to the community including my family. First problem is that if this area is rezoned, my younger brother would not be able to go to summer day camps, Sunday activities and also Saturday tutoring classes. Instead, my brother would spend his time at home playing games and would ~~be~~ be wasting his time. Light and Love Home has helped my brother a lot. My brother and I made many friends through its programs and activities. Second problem is that the elderly won't be able to learn iPad anymore if the place is rezoned.

I hope that if this place is rezoned,  
there would be still light and love home  
so that my family can still come to  
the activities. I trust Mr. Gregor  
Robertson and the Vancouver city council  
to do something about this and also  
hope that ~~Vanou~~-Vancouver will grow  
economically and the communities will  
also grow.

Sincerely, Enoch Chang

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Dear Mayor Robertson and the Vancouver City Council:

As a member of both Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver since 2006, I am deeply affected by the impending rezoning plan of the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood.

I joined this organization as a broken person—I lost hope in society because of my physical disability and I lacked life direction, despite receiving government financial assistance and support. Through knowing God and His unconditional love, and through the care of people in this organization, I understand that I am loved and worthy to live life.

During Light and Love Home's Summer Day Camp, I boldly shared about my visual impairment to the young students that I was helping. Disclosing my disability was an otherwise shameful notion had I didn't join this organization and received the love and acceptance. The hope and positive attitude towards life and beyond are beyond the best government support—it's through God.

For this reason—and for my survival—I request for the services of Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver to continue, wherever it may be held, so that I may help others and pay it forward. Please consider the greatest need of your citizens and this community that is beyond prosperity and healthy living. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Leung

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Jan. 22, 2017

Dear Mayor + City Council of Vancouver,

When I heard the news of Light and Love Home rezonation, I was devastated. Knowing that I would have to leave a very important and safe place that I have known for most of my life made me feel heart-broken. Light and Love Home has not only been a place where I found the power of love among ~~non blood related brothers and sisters,~~ ~~how~~ a huge group of passionate Church friends and community-caring people. I never imagined that a group of strangers can ever become so close to one another as a family. We are not only a tight-knit family but we also serve the community together. From hosting family fun fairs to providing seniors with iPad classes. Light and Love Home is a gathering location for all our family members, it is our home. It is not just a building but is what the building is composed of, we do not just bring joy and light to each other but also to members in the community. Our passion to serve the community is endless and there is no reason to stop it. Rezoning Light And Love Home would be a great effect to the community, it would decrease the level of active community participants, increase the amount of indoor youths and children, and demolish the community spirit in the amazing East Vancouver. Hence, I greatly encourage the city council of Vancouver to consider the positive energy and great community services that Light And Love Home has started and will continue with the support of a gathering place where people can feel safe and full of joy. Thank you for your precious time to listen to our voices of this crisis that may change the future for many people.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Huang

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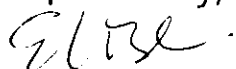
Dear Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,

North Vancouver is a special place for me. I have been attending church meetings here since I came to Vancouver in 2003. There is a group of Christians who love God and one another. We have church meetings not only on Sundays but during the weekdays. We pursue God together, take care of one another and plan how to help people around us and overseas. We have a strong bond and live out a life of God's family. Also Light and Love Home provides community services in that location as well. I volunteered as an ESL class teacher and many new immigrants received help from us. Not only they learn English, but also build friendship with volunteers and classmates. That makes them settle down in the newly migrated country quicker. Some of them became Christians whose lives changed to be happier and meaningful. Their changes impacted their families.

The rezoning plan will most likely cause us to relocate. That will make a great impact on our church members and those who have been receiving our services among children, teenagers, families and seniors in this community. I hope you will allow us to stay here to continue our church and Light & Love services. My friends and coworkers support us by signing petition and I myself went on rally to make my voice be heard.

I hope you will consider community services value when launching the rezoning plan in Vancouver.

Respectfully,

  
Elise Choi

Email address: [elisechoi@lightandlovehome.com](mailto:elisechoi@lightandlovehome.com)



DEAR MR. MAYOR ROBERTSON,

I COME TO KNOW LIGHT AND LOVE HOME WAY  
BACK IN JULY 2002 FROM MY WIFE WHO ATTENDED  
THE FREE LANGUAGES THEY CONDUCTED. I THINK  
THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDED REALLY HELPS A LOT  
OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE MOUNT PLEASANT COMMUNITY.

I COME TO KNOW A LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS AND  
FAMILIES BENEFITTED FROM LIGHT AND LOVE HOME.

I FEEL SO SAD THAT THE CITY IS RE-ZONING  
THIS PLACE. I HOPE THE MAYOR (MR. ROBERTSON)  
COULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS MATTER. IT IS  
ABOUT A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES FOR THE  
PEOPLE IN THESE COMMUNITY. PLEASE LISTEN  
TO OUR FEELING AND NEEDS FOR THE  
PEOPLE.

YOURS SINCERELY,

PATRICK SYN

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Dear Mr. Gregor-Robertson and City Council,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the rezoning plans in the Mt. Pleasant area. While I do not oppose the plans themselves, they could mean that Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver are no longer able to continue services at their current location of 123 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. I write this letter to ask you to consider the effects this would have on our community.

Without these two organizations, the city loses out on more than just charity and social services, but places that help people experience true inner transformation. In my case, this place connected me with individuals who truly care and involve themselves in helping me. I've been able to forge friendships with amazing individuals from different backgrounds. On top of this, I've been given opportunities to volunteer abroad in ~~Africa~~ Africa and other places. All these experiences helped transform me to be more than a person who seeks for career growth or material gain.

Instead I've become even more deeply connected to this community ~~and~~ through giving back and a greater number of connections to people.

Dear Mayor and Council,

There are hundreds of people gathering in the church - 123 E6th Ave - every Sunday. Everyone ~~are~~<sup>is</sup> enjoying the time in the church and really need the help from the church. If the church no longer existed, all those people would <sup>not only</sup> lose a place to meet, but lose their family. In addition, this church hold lots of social activities and club activities to help others - such as Light and Love Home (LLH) and Love Your Neighbour Club - all of these beneficial activities contribute to our society. I hope the church will not be replace by rezoning because this church is ~~so~~ so important!

Cheers,  
Tina

Tina Zhang

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Dear Mayor and ~~the~~ Council of the City of Vancouver,

I am an international student who joined ~~the~~ Light and Love Home at 123 E6th Ave for almost 2 years. When I first found out City's rezoning plan regarding 123 E6th Ave, I was really concerned about how can we continue to provide community service and volunteer opportunities that hold at this place. Because I was attracted by the volunteer program here that provided to SFU at the first, and also I met a lot of good friends and heartfelt sisters and brothers here. They provided me lots of help such as assisting my courses assignments, comfort my heart when I ~~am~~ am down. They really bring a lot of courage and bring lots of positive attitude ~~and~~ to my life. So that I ~~was~~ change to a more outgoing girl and sunshine person from a always depressed and negative person in the past.

~~I~~ I really don't want to leave this home. I already regard it as my second family. At some time, this place provided lots of free community service to make people around here and ~~undergraduates~~ (undergraduates) to have more opportunities to serve the community. If there is no such place at here, we will never have such experience to actively help people. Not only for the material help, but also the place provided a spiritual strength to me and other people in the church, which I appreciated so much.

So overall, I wish you can consider the things we do is really helpful to people, and hopefully you can arrange a new place or ~~thing~~ think about other solution to keep this home and keep these heartfelt people to bring more warm to the society. People are so busy with their things these days. Less and less people comes about others. We at here did a very precious things to build a warm society and build ~~the~~ close relationships with others. It is a such precious heart to contribute a better life for people.

Hope you have a great day!

Best regards

Ivy

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

After knowing the city's rezoning plan, I was very ~~shocked~~ shocked by how our church would be affected. As a fellow teen, I have gained many benefits from ~~light~~ Light and Love Home + Church. I used to attend their Saturday Math and English classes, ~~which is still ongoing~~. Although I stopped going, the Light and Love Home's staff still assist me with my homework. They helped me to understand my homework problems since highschool can be a bit challenging and stressful. Not only did they aid me in school but my life have become more interesting and joyful. We would have celebrations and fun outings. I never thought I can be this happy. It is really wonderful to have loving and caring friends in this church. I find all the people from this church is different from the people I know outside this church. The people here leaves a good impression on me and I can truly be myself before them. I do not need to think ~~what~~ <sup>what</sup> people think about me because my friends from Light and Love Home accepts who I am. Regarding this, I hope the city council of Vancouver can find another building to let us stay. Thus, we can continue our services and help serve our community. From all the benefits I received from Light and Love Home, I also want other youth to benefit from our services as well. I do not want our services to disappear due to the city's rezoning plan. I know our services ~~will benefit the youth~~ must continue to help the youth because they are our future. Thank you for your time and consideration to read this letter. May you please help and support us.

Sincerely,  
Mary Lo

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Dear mayor and city council,

I am a member of the Church of God in Vancouver and a long-term volunteer at Light and Love Home. This is not a unique arrangement as the majority of the volunteers at Light and Love Home are also members of the congregation. We have been diligently giving back to the community with our time for those past 17 years. The majority that attend our programs are seniors who live in seniors homes near in the community and neighbouring communities, families who live or work in the neighbouring areas, and students who attend the elementary schools in the community. They are not members of the congregation but rely on our services. Right now in the English class I volunteer in, only one student is also a member of the Church of God in Vancouver.

The current proposed plan will force us to find a new location for these services once the plan is fully acted upon. As volunteers, we can easily go to different areas to serve, but we would ~~need~~ be abandoning many in the community who do not have easy means of transportation, such as the elderly and young children. It's for their sake, and not ~~ours~~<sup>ours</sup>, that we ask to stay.

I hope that you, mayor and council, will consider the impact and value of these services as well as the group of engaged and active citizens at the Church of God in Vancouver. All we ask is for a way to continue to do our part and support the members of the community as part of the rezoning plans. The rezoning plans are needed, but should it come ~~as~~<sup>as</sup> it is, regardless of the impact to those who can least afford it?

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Hong Yan

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Dear Mayor & City Councilor,

I feel very upset and lost when I realize the situation happening to 123 E 6th Ave regarding to the rezoning. I have attended the Church meeting and community services here whenever I came to Vancouver while I still lived in Toronto. Few months ago, for my ~~ka~~ husband and I want to be more committed and diligently joining ~~to~~ the volunteering service and church meeting, we decided to move to Vancouver. I experienced the happiness in helping seniors and children tutoring class. Although I personally suffered from episodes of anxiety and restlessness, coming here to volunteer and joining Church meeting helped me significantly within these few months. With the help of the people from Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver, I am able to adapt my new life in Vancouver. For my own well being as well as many others in the community, I want to express my wish that the city can help Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver to get a place to continue their service and meeting. This is not just a "want", but a "need".

Sincerely,  
Michelle Wan

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January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

To Mr. Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Council,

While I appreciate the City of Vancouver's objective to support the innovative economy through rezoning the specified Mount Pleasant area, however, I strongly oppose any plans that would lead to the relocation of the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home.

When I first found out the City's rezoning plan regarding 123 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, I was greatly disappointed. I have been part of this closely-knit community for more than 17 years. Since the beginning, the church members and fellow volunteers have taught me the values to love regardless the circumstances, to work hard to contribute to society, and counselled me whenever I faced difficulties... I have grown with them as a family, helping me to become the person who I am today, that I could overcome the effects of being bullied during high school, motivated to complete my post-secondary and graduate ~~education~~ education, and successfully pursued my career as a registered architect. If I had not met them, I would most likely suffer from depression, continued to have negative self-image, and lack the ethics of hard work and contributing to others.

This community is like a home to me and so much more. It is also a place where I serve, offering countless hours to teach and to give back. I have personally involved in teaching English and Math to ~~child~~ children from grade 2 to grade 5, and ESL to Chinese immigrants in adult classes. In the Church, I have helped teenagers and men in early adulthood to find purpose and cherish life, and follow a message to love all people as God loves us.

I have grown with the neighbourhood, watching it change over time, connecting my life with the local community centre and VPL at 1 Kingsway Ave, the nearby restaurants and cafes and strolling by the Jonathan Rogers Park at W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and Manitoba st.



numerous times. To have any changes that lead to the relocation of this community would mean uprooting me from a place where I feel belong and have attached to.

I would even more appreciate any plans from the City of Vancouver to support retaining the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home at its current location. Please support social services like what this community has already been doing since all these years. What makes Vancouver such a ~~great~~ great place to live in is more than just economy. Please sincerely support our cause.

Yours Truly,  
Joe Vin Ming Lee

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Dear mayor and council of the City of Vancouver:

Hello, all the best to all of you in 2017.

The reason of writing this letter to you all, this is because I know that mayor and council of the city of Vancouver care about our voice and thoughts. Also, this letter is not for opposing about government development plan of ~~this~~ this beautiful city. In other words, this letter would express my thoughts toward the city's rezoning plan regarding 123 E 6th Ave.

First of all, when I first heard about the City's rezoning plan regarding 123 E 6th Ave, I was shocked about we have to leave this lovely place! I am as a international student, I treated this place (123 E 6th Ave) as my home. This is because I meet a lot of friends from this place.

All of my friends meeting in this place treat and support me a lot, such as helping me to learn English, getting into the local culture, and cooking food for me. 123 E 6th Ave is an lovely place for me, because I gain love and support from here.

Secondly, Light & Love Home and the church means a lot for me. I cannot even image Light & Love Home and the church were taken away in my life. I gained a lot from Light & Love Home, for example, it offers free tax-claiming services for people, ~~free~~ English and math tutoring class, and cooking class.

Though ~~that~~ the support and help from Light & Love Home, I improved significantly in different aspects of my life skills, such as communication skill, cooking skill, and team work besides. I do not just only gained help from Light & Love Home, but I also

volunteer in this non-profit organization. Through volunteering in LLH, I find out myself is benefited and meaningful to the local community. I gained a lot from LLH in the past, which motivates me to contribute to others as a return. I enjoy volunteering in LLH, for example, especially, when I saw the seniors know how to play pool when they participated in the pool class. In addition, the church means so much to me as well. I gained a lot spiritual support from the church, such as church meetings, bible study group. I get motivations to live well and do good to others by joining the church meetings. Therefore, 123 6th Ave is a place supporting me physically and spiritually.

At the end, please consider my request and thank you so much for your patience to read my letter to hear my voice. LLH and the church are very important and necessary part of my life, which is a place to feel like home and a sense of belonging in this land. <sup>give me</sup>

Once again, I do not oppose government plans for better developing the city. But at the same time, please consider the group of people <sup>in LLH</sup> serving this community for a long time. please give us a suitable place for us to continue to service this community.

please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. my phone number is [redacted] and my email is [redacted]   
 Keny W

Jan 22, 2017.

To the Vancouver city Mayor & City Council.

My name is Michael Ma, I am a registered nurse from Toronto, Ontario & moved recently to this city for wonderful opportunity to live and work here. I was happy to have Light and Lane Home <sup>(LLH)</sup> / Church of God <sup>(COG)</sup> in Vancouver as my initial process to adjust and settle in Vancouver. Through this group, I was able to know new friends in the ~~community~~ <sup>community</sup> <sup>quickly</sup>, and contribute my knowledge and skills to help others.

I ~~enjoy~~ <sup>like</sup> the city's plan to rezone Mount Pleasant, but it brings me great sadness that LLH/COG can no longer function in lack of a place <sup>to operate</sup> in the coming year.

I urge you counsellors, to reconsider this group as not a burden, but a valuable resource for the community.

I ask that in your talks with rezoning Mount Pleasant, that you also can prepare a similar place for LLH/COG to continue its operation, to serve the community & bring help to other

and it had helped me. Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

Michael Ma. . RN

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Dear Mayor and City Councilor,

I want to say thank you for your help and care for this city. You have made a big impact to change about what you stand for. Whether to make this city more green, or more sustainable, or even promoting theatre and etc. These are all things that you are passionate about.

For me, I'm also very passionate about the things above. This is why a few years ago, I joined Light and Love Home Vancouver. They care about recycling, they care about the well-being of teens, kids, and seniors, so there are so many activities throughout the week for them.

I could have easily joined one of the thousands of clubs or foundations offered in Vancouver but after comparison, I want you to know why I chose to volunteer and support Light and Love Home Vancouver.

When I first stepped foot in the building, I was already surrounded by smiling faces that are asking me how I am. These people actually want to get to know me and not just seeing me as another "helpful" but "replaceable" volunteer. Soon, we were exchanging life stories and topics too sensitive or even taboo at most places such as "how we actually feel", our "fears", and "what the purpose of life really is".

As a Canadian, I grew up never daring to say "pretty bad" when asked "how are you?". We have this culture where we need to constantly put on a "cheerful façade". Humans are at the top of the food chain not because they're the best

hunters, but because we were created differently. We have opposable thumbs yes, but we also have abstract thinking. Most importantly, we have a spirit. This is why we are capable of love and deep thinkings. This is why we all desire love and deep and meaningful relationships with others. We are created in God's image. We are such a special creation. I think whether or not you agree if there is a God, you can still agree with me that humans are really special, and have an innate need for love, affection, and deep communications with others.

This is what Light and Love Home provides. Yes, many activities that community centers can also provide, but we have love, the type of motivation with the purest motivation. We also have sincerity, passion, and patience. If you go to a doctor when you have a serious illness, what characteristic do you want in your doctor? Someone who got good grades but do not care about you? Someone who sees you as a "patient"; who just wants to heal you and that's it? I don't know about you, but I definitely want someone with good grades, but also have a passion and sincerity towards me. It's not necessary, but it makes this patient - doctor more human.

Humans are already interacting too much with machines, isn't it time to have real relationship with one another? Shouldn't we keep Vancouver to be a friendly and loving place?

Please continue to help us love people, help people, and connect with people! Help us to stand for what we stand and believe in!

Sincerely, Candy Lu

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To the mayor and Vancouver City Council,

I received the news regarding the rezoning of 123 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, in November 2016. I am very concerned about the rezoning as Light and Love Home has been serving the Mount Pleasant community for 17 years, supporting community members from young to old; now the service may cease due to the rezoning in the near future.

I do not oppose the city's action plan to rezone the area. What disappoints me is that the city does not consider ~~the~~ the needs of the community nor recognize the contribution of Light and Love Home to the community that it demonstrates limited effort to relocate Light & Love Home.

I have been volunteering in Light and Love Home for 10 years. I can testify that Light and Love Home is a non-profit organization that serves the community members in needs with a full heart & commitment, ~~with love~~ <sup>through</sup>



a large proportion of volunteers and extremely low administration fee compared to other non-profit organizations. Light and Love Home cares the well-being of individuals who participated in the activities of the organization, cultivating the atmosphere of love and care in all activities. As I first volunteered as an undergraduate student in Light & Love Home. I learned the true meaning of giving & caring. The organization inspired me to commence a career in social services. Now I am a graduate student in MEd, studying special education, and becoming a behaviour analyst who supports families with under members with special needs.

a graduate student of special education at UBC.

I can testify that light and love is crucial to the development and wellbeing of Mount Pleasant Community as it cultivates the values of loving, caring and giving among the community members.

I ~~strongly~~ <sup>earnestly</sup> ask the city to relocate light and love home that it can continue to serve the community.

Sincerely,

Jesse Lo

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To the Mayor and Vancouver city council.

I am a ~~recent~~ university graduate who moved to Canada with a work permit. I am from Hong Kong but through the connection to Light and Love Home and the news update I received on facebook page, I realised that the following location; 123 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Vancouver, BC, V5T 1J6 is <sup>also</sup> in your rezoning plan. I knew Light and Love Home when I was in Hong Kong, it is a global non-governmental organisation which provides social services to people ~~from~~ <sup>through</sup> different ages and through our services, many received happiness and find their position and worth in the community throughout the world. ~~Through~~ <sup>Through</sup> ~~that~~ I only joined the services provided by Light and Love Home for a month. I already have seen the changes when they joined our classes, this is because we are not just teaching them the hands-on skill but we care for their personal life, their relationship with the family, <sup>the sense of belonging</sup> with this community, the true meaning of life. If all these ~~things~~ are going to be taken away then it is not just removing the free <sup>social</sup> services in this community but also ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup>

group of passionate christian volunteers to participate in social services. In my opinion, I am not opposing to the current rezoning plan but I do want to make a kind request so that Light and Love Home services can be continued in Vancouver, social services should not been terminated in exchange of building a ~~block~~ of new residential block. I think that what ~~can~~ brings the satisfaction and true worth to people is <sup>to find</sup> a ~~long~~ a most meaningful life and not wasted it which is what we were trying to established. I sincerely hope that you will consider my request.

Best Sincerely,  
Kelvin Lau

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Dear Mayor and City Council of Vancouver

My name is Samuel, I am a regular member of The Church of God in Vancouver. For the rezoning progress of the address 12386 Ave., I feel it's great impact to me and my family. Me and my family do attend to regular meetings in the location. For me, I feel I am not just living for myself, but in here it provides many opportunities to help others and involved in the community. I was benefitted when I was young by helped by many programs provided by the church. We go ~~soccer~~ soccer, biking, hiking, basketball, skating, etc. Also, we go volunteering at Senior home, give out food on the street, Christmas caroling and many meaningful works.

It's not just a place for gathering, but here is the link that we can link to the needs. Beside helping others, we also be help by others. In here, they teaches many things, like leadership training, healthy life style, ~~marriage~~ marriage counseling, baby sitting, children programs. Without a stayable meeting place, we can no longer have these meaningful and helpful services. People may think you may still go other organization for these services, but ~~the~~ most importantly this church show me the love of God and teaches me love one another.

There are no place or other organization can replace what we do to this community. I hope the City may ~~show us more support and give us more~~ by provide more resource and help us get a new and better place.

Respectfully,

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Samuel Ko

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Jan. 22, 2017

I have benefitted greatly in the last 10 years by 123 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave building. I have many cherished memories from being here. Many life-long friends I have gained from the Church meetings and activities we have had together. Support in different aspects of my life.

A critical /important event happened to me in 2014. I had planned my wedding at a hotel, but two weeks before the day, it cancelled on the booking. I was left hanging, not knowing what to do. My Church friends volunteered to help out and suggested to have the wedding at 123 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. With limited options, I was heart-felt to agree.

In such a short notice, all the details were re-planned and many friends offered to help to make it work. In a turning point in my life, it became a very memorable and touching experience. My wedding went very well. My friends and family came to celebrate and support me.

We need a place to build relationships and life-long memories!

Jannie Tonn

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Dear Mayor & City Council,

Jan 22, 2017

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

I am writing in concern regarding the rezoning situation. Rezoning can greatly impact the community. As a member of Light & Love Home & the Church of God in Vancouver, I have received many supports from them ~~in the community~~. Not only physical supports but spiritual support, I was able to find my value and meaning of my life after I experience <sup>here</sup> ~~here~~. I was able to once again walk out from depression and lift my head. This is not something money, fame, or pride can replace. It is a satisfaction of fullness within my soul.

Light & Love Home has always & continuously strive to bring this to all in the community.

Through community services we were able to show other how to love, care & share. ~~They~~ <sup>we</sup> serve from young to old. ~~They~~ <sup>we</sup> care for all the areas of their lives. A community does need an organization that can provide this attitude to the people. Because ultimately, it is not money, not fame, not pride, not materialistic things can satisfy one's soul. Man needs a caring friend. A community needs support. Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver needs us!

I hope you can think for your self & your family. What you want to provide for your family is what we want to provide for them. Your support ~~is~~ ~~the~~ can help. We want to love. We want to serve. We want to care. Please reserve a place for us in Vancouver (Mt. Pleasant).

We love because He first loved us. - 1 John 4:19 (Bible).

Thank you for reading & concerning this issue.

Sincerely,

Victoria Kim

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Jan 22, 2017

Dear Mayor & City Council, of Vancouver,

I would like to express my concerns regarding the rezoning of 123 E 6th Avenue.

I ~~was~~ moved to Vancouver as an international student back in 2005. Not knowing any friends or having any family here, my family was greeted warmly by an acquaintance from this Light & Love Home organization. It was ~~when~~ just my sister and me left to study in Vancouver and were invited to join the events and activities in Light & Love Home and the church meetings.

Throughout these 10+ years in Vancouver and actively participating in ~~the~~ Light + Love Home as well as being part of the Church, I want to express that I have grown benefitting from these organizations and also from giving my part to the community through these. On a personal level, I went through graduation, ~~and~~ getting my first job, ~~and~~ getting married, <sup>and obtaining my residency</sup> with the support of the members from these organizations as my close family members even when my parents were not able to be there with me. Currently, I am going through a high risk pregnancy. So far, it has been a roller coaster, but it would have been worse without having ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> Church members to support me. on my physical ~~well-being~~, emotional, and spiritual well-being. These are the kind of people that I love to encounter in my community. The kind ~~who~~ who practice selflessness and that want to offer their care to others through their services.

I ~~really~~ really hope that through my short life



Story, you could see how ~~was~~ much impact these group of people can have on one single person. As ~~was~~ a member of these organizations, I enjoy helping teenagers and socializing with them. I am sure that the positive values that they learn from me will be beneficial for the next generation.

~~was~~ I would appreciate it greatly if you could please consider all that could be lost if ~~the~~ the rezoning was to remove ~~all~~ the services of Light and Love Home.

Sincerely,

Sofia Chau Kio

sofiacksofia@gmail.com.

To the Mayor and Vancouver City Council,

My name is Tom. I attended to this church in 2001. I was 17 at that time. Before I came to this church, I was a lonely teenager. Because of this church, I regained my self-confidence. I also worked as a volunteer when I had time. I see that Light and Love Home really did a lot of things to contribute the whole community. A lot of senior, junior, students and new immigrants gain helped from Light and Love Home. All volunteers in Light and Love Home serve others by their hearts. If Light and Love Home cannot survive, everybody, including the City of Vancouver, will be a loser. the services that offer by Light and Love home really help to release the pressure of the city. Hope the City of Vancouver can consider the developing plan carefully, and try to do the best to allow Light and Love home stay at 123.

Name: Wing Kwan, Lam (Tom)

Contact number: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

E-mail: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Dear Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,

This ~~re-zoning~~ <sup>re-zoning</sup> is just like a shock and our whole family is really upset. FYI, Ligit & Love Home does contribute so much to the local society like organizing classes to the minor and senior, clean the city, organizing open house to public & etc.

Our whole family benefit and got the support from the church during our downtime, everyone in the church is so friendly and helpful. Without this place, there will be a big loss not only to the people in the church but also to the local society.

I do hope the City of Vancouver would help to relocate us to a suitable place nearby which is convenient to present families and society around the city. Thank you!

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January 22 2011

City Hall  
453 West 12th Ave  
Vancouver, BC  
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20 Mount Pleasant - West End Area Community Centre (East Quarters)

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council of the City of Vancouver:

I am writing you this letter to bring to your attention some of my feelings and reactions towards the news of the rezoning. I am greatly distraught and disappointed to find out that we are about to lose our building. I understand the rezoning would be beneficial for the city in providing more job opportunities. However, I feel like there is more to just that.

We have been providing our services to the community and have seen our reach to the people of the community for the past 17 years. Our services include community clean up, providing food for the homeless, providing free hair cut and classes for senior, instrument and tutor classes, community BBQ celebration and many more.

For myself, I have been a student of light and love here since I was in grade 3 to high school. My parents were having difficulty in raising 3 children with a small income, so the summer classes in light and love were provided a cheaper and better alternative. And when I was in high school, I came back to volunteer to give back to what they had done for me. Not only did I gain valuable volunteer experience and opportunity, it also prepared me and exposed me to a working environment. I have gotten my first job through light and love here.

I want to clarify that I don't oppose or object the reasoning in which would provide more job opportunities. I just want to bring in your attention that it affects a great amount of people and the community. It affects people of all ages who like myself been volunteering for years since I was in high school to now. I am now a university student who still continues to volunteer despite working and being a full time student.

I just want you to reconsider the effect the reasoning would cause to people of the community. And I would also like to suggest an alternative option which may help us create a mutual agreement. If we cannot extend our stay at this location, we would like an alternative location that would allow us to continue our services. A reasonably priced location would be nice.

Please reconsider the reasoning and take the time to listen and consider our letter of expressed opinion.

Sincerely,

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Jessica Lu

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Dear Mayor and Council of the city of Vancouver,

I am a ~~current~~ current student studying in UBC, ~~at the same time~~ and I ~~am~~ am a member of Love Your Neighbour Club organized by UBC students, as well. Being a ~~member~~ volunteer in the church of Vancouver, when I first time heard the news ~~that~~ that the church will be taken away very soon, I was astonished. I knew this news in October, 2016 and people in the church were told the news so suddenly that they cannot accept it. The rezoning plan of the church ~~concerns~~ will bring out many problems because Light and Love Home organization ~~of~~ the church really have helped the communities ~~and~~ for ~~about~~ over 18 years. I think they should not be asked ~~to~~ moving away without ~~any~~ negotiating ~~on~~ ~~the~~ For, the ~~church~~ ~~services~~ Light, and Love Home organization, the church is like their home, ~~and~~ they have no other place to go ~~and~~ you have activities because they do not have ~~enough~~ money. ~~However~~ you may think that is not your concern, but the communities around the church concern because they all get benefits from the church services.

In my opinion, ~~the~~ in the rezoning plan, the church must ~~stay~~ be kept ~~and~~ so that the church services can continue. ~~The~~ The services are like helping seniors work with computers, teaching children ~~so~~ math and English, playing and caring seniors by tea gathering. Light and Love Home is nonprofit and provides ~~many~~ services to ~~people~~ local citizens. This group of people deserves to stay in this place. ~~As~~ As a UBC volunteer student, I need this place to present my love and compassion to people around, so I hope you really consider my concern deeply and ~~make~~ help save the church.

Sincerely,  
Wendy (Xinwei Kuang)

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To the respected Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council,

Having received abundant services from the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home, my heart compels me write on the subject of rezoning at the Mount Pleasant area. I could not find another word to summarize my experience more appropriately than 'life-transforming'.

I moved to Vancouver in the beautiful summer of 2013, in pursuit for my business and economics degree at SFU. Without any friends or relatives, transition to a new city was not easy. Although I had been an independent and motivated person, there is always a lack knowing that I am going through these times alone. Yet by the grace of God, I met a group of passionate volunteers, friends from the Church of God in Vancouver who demonstrated unconditional love towards my well-being and personal growth.

I soon discovered that I was not a unique case. Many, many more others in the community had received help from them. Lead by their example, I was inspired to serve others and make a difference to those around me. Overcoming my introverted personality, I grew up as a leader and serve as the president for a volunteer club in SFU, since 2014.

Even in these short years, I have seen countless individuals, families, single parents, youth and students who benefited from the services of the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home. With that I sincerely plea the City to recognise the tremendous social value from organization, and continue to allow them to serve the ever growing need in the area.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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Fergus Wong

To: Mr. Gregor Robertson and the Vancouver City Council

I'm not opposed to job development in Vancouver. But I feel moving Light and Love Home, and The Church of God in Vancouver from it's current location would be a big lost to the community..

Specially the Students in both high school And university. Who Volunteer to serve their community with Light and Love Home.

We. Strive to teach them how to love their neighbour, and the Community as a whole. Not just focus on personal gains I feel this is what this Community needs from the next generation. I feel as a Canadian this is what will benefit Our future as a Country most.

Moving us from our current location would affect their accessibility to us greatly. We are currently close to a Sky train which makes it easier to get to us. Because not all these volunteers drive. Travel will place a great impact on their decision to serve their Community with us or not.

Sincerely: (Tony) Van Sun Naven.

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To the Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,

First of all, I agree the rezoning in this area of Mt. Pleasant. I understand that we need economic grow, create job opportunities and upgrade the community. However, I think something is more important and we need to concern too. That is the needs of people. If we only improve our environment, but lack of love, care and harmonious in our community. I think it may create another problems.

When I first came to Vancouver, Light & Love Home gave me many support and care. They helped me to find school for my children. They helped me to apply document. Not only that, they also care my children, they talked to him and helped them to feel comfortable when they first came. They taught me how to improve the relationship between me & my wife, me & my sons. I really felt their love & care to me and made me feel we are one family.

If the rezoning affected their services, I felt that is the loss of this community. If Light & Love Home can not continue their services in this community. I think me & my family will ~~feel~~ feel lack of support. We cannot find another organization like Light & Love Home. My sons will feel sad because they really love this place. They have many good memories here.

I strongly request the city of Vancouver can consider what they did in the past. I ~~was~~ hope they can continue their services in this community.

My Sincerely,

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CHANIKIN SEUN

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to support Light and Love Home to continue to stay in their current location/ neighbourhood to provide their services. Light and Love Home is an amazing non-profit organization that has provided lots of useful services to the community. I was one of the many people who has benefited greatly from their services. It was volunteering at LLH that has made me truly understand what it means to give is better than to receive. They care for the people's needs in the community and try to equip them with what they need to survive in society. Not only they provide the educational and technical skills, but most importantly the spiritual support.

I am a mom with a 2 year old toddler suffering from post-partum depression. It was through joining activities at Light and Love Home and Church of God in Vancouver that has kept me alive all these 2 years. They have provided me with great spiritual and mental support that made me want to continue to strive despite the challenging situations with a baby. Life is worth living when I have ~~so~~ so many people that care for me.

I am strongly asking the government to consider the importance of this organization and value what they have to offer to the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret Huang

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January 22, 2017

To the honourable Mayor and Council of the  
City of Vancouver,

My name is Kathrine Catubag Lui. I am a mother of  
2.

I am writing to express my opinion and feelings  
about the City's rezoning plan of 123 East  
6th Ave, Vancouver.

In 2004 I came here in Vancouver to work  
as a live in caregiver and eventually became  
a Canadian Citizen in 2010. When I first came  
here in Vancouver I was alone, I do not know  
anyone, thanks to the Church of God in Vancouver  
that I can be able to meet people and be able  
to gain support.

My life has ups and down, I am thankful  
I have this family that always there for me.  
I am so grateful that I can be ~~part~~ <sup>an</sup> part  
of this family. This family doesn't only care ~~if~~  
~~about~~ the numbers of days that you come to church  
but they ~~do~~ really do care in your overall well being.  
For example:

In 2013 I gave birth to my second child,  
she was born prematurely, she was only 3.6 lbs.  
I remember that year was so difficult for me  
not only because she was born small but  
also because when she was about 3 ~~months~~ <sup>months</sup> old  
the doctor actually diagnosed her with VSD (they  
found a hole in her heart). During that time I was  
so scared but at the same time I was thankful  
to know that I have my family w/c is the  
church.

with them I overcame my fear and found support.  
Support in many ways, physical, emotional and  
many more. Without them I cannot think of ~~the~~ way  
~~how~~ to go on.

I've been in Vancouver almost half my life. ~~When~~  
I've been to 123 6th Ave, for almost 13 years now,  
I am just worry about ~~the~~ <sup>moving</sup> ~~going~~ because of  
what the Church and the Light and Love Home  
have ~~already~~ <sup>already</sup> started here. LLH has already have done  
so much benefits to me as well as in the  
community. I hope that the honourable mayor  
and the council of the city of Vancouver can make  
us stay.

Please support us to be able to serve the community.

Yours truly,  
Kathrine Lui

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To the Mayor and Council of City of Vancouver,

I first found out about the rezoning plans for the Mount Pleasant area back in October 2016 when I learned about the open house in Mount Pleasant Community Centre. I'm glad for the City's decision to rezone the area for better development as this area is of good potential. However, I'm also disappointed at the same time that the City chose to neglect the presence of Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver. I have been a beneficiary and a long-term volunteer of Light and Love Home (LLH) and the church. When I was a new immigrant to Canada, the volunteers from LLH helped me and my family to feel accepted into the community. I joined the children math class and later also learned about God through the church and was changed as a person. As I grow older I learned to care for others and became a long-term volunteer, giving back to the community and recruit others to do so. If LLH and church were to be removed from this city, it would be a great loss to the city as many people's lives has been changed by their services. In order for a city to be truly prosperous, a community that can share true love and care is vital. I showed my support in this matter through participating in rally and the open house. I really hope the City of Vancouver can really consider ~~that~~ helping LLH and support their work by providing us a new place to continue their services, continually promoting the importance of community services and the needs of every citizens in the city.

Sincerely,

Frankie (Sze Yan) Ng

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To the Mayor and the council of the city of Vancouver,

It was a shock news when I first found out the city's rezoning plan regarding 123 56th Ave. I have been using the services from Light and Love Home and from the church since 2003, when I first arrived Vancouver as an international student. I went to ESL class and volunteered in teaching math. Then I progress to volunteer as the math class coordinator. It helped me to improve my teaching skill while I was still a new comer. I am now a Taekwondo coach that lead athletes to national and international tournaments. I met people who continue to help me during my study years as an international student. I met friends in Church and be able to build up the sense of belonging in Vancouver. It is very hard for an international student to fit in to a local school while local students had already built up the groups of friendship. Community center's services are good but it cannot bring me into the real community in Vancouver in short time. It is quite important for me to decide if I am going to go back to my home country or staying in Vancouver to development my career.

The rezoning plan is beneficial for community. It increases the working opportunity and promote economy. At the same time, the services of Light and Love Home and church are also important. It helps talented students to fit in the community in order for them to decide staying in Vancouver for future development.

I hope the rezoning plan could both help the development of Vancouver economically and socially.

Best Regards,

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Lois Fong

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January 21, 2017

To the Mayor and the Council of the City of Vancouver.

When I first heard about the rezoning of the 123 E 6th Ave area and its neighbourhood, my first question was "where are we (LH & Church of God) going to station?"

Rezoning seems to improve the aesthetics of the beautiful city. I support the good and right things that bring prosperity to the city. As a resident in Vancouver, I wish that Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver continue in taking part in bringing prosperity to the city.

I have read and witnessed so many lives being changed from receiving the support and services of Light & Love Home and the Church of God. My life changed after involving myself in their services. I learned to give out by helping in the kitchen as a volunteer. I learned to serve my neighbours. I learned to give to others and give with willingness and gladness.

I kindly request that the City could provide us a place to continue the services to the community and to give the people a sense of belonging.

Thank you for your attention.

Waiying Chau

January 22, 2017

To the Mayor and council of the city of Vancouver

My name is Susanna Yang. When I hear about the city's rezoning plan regarding 123 66th Ave, I was upset and disappointed. I immigrated to Vancouver 18 years ago. At the beginning, I was so hard to adapt the environment here. I don't know English. I was so hard to make friends. One day, I hear Light and Love Home's ESL program from my school. I join the ESL class @ Light and Love Home. My English improved a lot so I can graduate from High School. Now I work in a big company and have a good family.

In 2016 Summer, my two year old son join the toddler program at Light and Love Home. From what I know, Light and Love Home also provides many other good quality and excellent programs such as English, math Saturday classes, summer schools, parent & child fitness class, Nutrition talk, 0-5 years old Rising Stars program, Senior iPad Class.

LLH really provide many good excellent services in this community. I sincerely ask you to help Light and Love Home to continue to provide such good services to the community. Many people and families can enjoy such great services.

Sincerely,

Susanna Yang

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To Mayor & Council of city of Vancouver.

(123 East 6<sup>th</sup> Ave)

After I heard the rezoning plan. I am very upset. Light and Love Home has been serving the community for more than 10 years, I saw it has benefits to many families. Many kids cannot afford expensive tutoring programs were able to come & improve in their studies, especially English is their second language. They feel comfortable to share their difficulties. I have volunteered to help these students for 3 years, I saw our program brought knowledge but also they found joy & happiness because the program helps their family too. I can care for the whole family not just academic skills. I enjoy serving the community this way & care & love them.

The city needs program to care people, not just care for profits, for building more condos. This community has too many shops, condos but lack of community services to care people soul & to service for cost-free. Light & Love Home provide low cost + free services & hope to help the needs I am a mom with a 2 year old kid. I am happy I can still serve the community & kid together. I personally found connections with people, not just a task not just volunteer my time but I feel belonging to this community and I want to contribute to make this community better. That why I wrote this letter. I had made a great changes since I volunteered this site, in the past I am shy, I have low self-esteem I want to help people but afraid. This place gave me chance & opportunity to open myself & learn to love people.

Please consider people real needs our city needs the services like

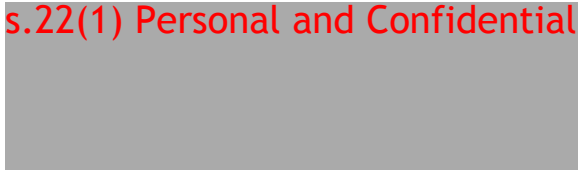
Light & love home. Real care & love to the community. Not just people come join program & go.

The ~~the~~ whole being of ~~the~~ people need to be consider - otherwise our city will be unhappy, corrupt & many problems arise in family.

Sincerely,

Hiu-Lam Ngo

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January 22, 2017

To Mayor of Vancouver and city councils,

My name is Penny Ng and I am a church member of the Church of God of Vancouver at 123 East 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver. I am writing this letter to express my feelings about the city's proposal to rezone this area and how this will affect me and my family.

I had gone to the open house set up by the city before regarding this matter and understand that the 3 proposed ways to deal with this building. All 3 ways will cause the loss of the services here and this concerns me.

I have been going to the Church of God in Vancouver since I was Grade 10. I was a new immigrant back then and this city was foreign to me. My English was not good and I know no friends here. As a teenager back then, friendship was important to me, plus <sup>all</sup> my family ~~was~~ members were also adapting to the country. ~~My~~ ~~life~~ My mom's friend told us about the free ESL class at Light & Love Home and that's how my family started to know friendly and caring people from this place which help our whole family to adapt to this city.

If I was not able to meet the people from church and attend the services there. I would be lost in seeking ~~for~~ for meaning of lives and may even commit suicide. Because my family members all had their own stress and problem to face and I tried to face <sup>a new</sup> ~~my~~ school environment, classmates who didn't accept me <sup>and</sup> a lot of uncertainties in future whether we could stay in Vancouver or went back to HK.

I thank God I can know Him through this church and gain so much spiritual support there. My life can have joy, hope and meaning and I can live everyday with motivation. This cause me to want to give back to community and I volunteered at dot since high school until now, I am a mom with a one-year-old baby.

The city should not neglect all the life changing things the church did to us, to the community, which make Vancouver be filled with more positive people with positive energy. Life influence lives. I hope ~~the~~ City of Vancouver can support the Church of God in Vancouver in continuing the great services we provide to make Vancouver a even more pleasant city to live in.

Sincerely, Penny Ng

January 21, 2017

Dear Mayor Roberson and Council of the City of Vancouver,

Hi, my name is Ida. I am one of the current members of Light and Love Home (LLH), which is located on E. 6<sup>th</sup> ave and Ontario Street. My whole family also attends meetings regularly at the Church of God in Vancouver in the same location. When I heard the news that the City is planning to rezone this area, a question quickly came into my mind – How would the City relocate this large community group? And how can LLH and this church continue their services in this area without any affection? Being a citizen, I hope that City would not forsake the community benefit to the economy development.

The services provided by LLH and the church mean so much to this community and to myself. I am one of the benefit recipients out of many. I have been joined LLH and this church for more than 10 years. I still remembered when I first joined this church, I was a new immigrant, that's been the time I needed most help. After two weeks I landed at Vancouver, my baby was found stillbirth. I could not image if I didn't get to know the church members before it happened. They helped me to go through my hardest period of time. What they offered were more than I expected – they visited me, cooked for me, introduced job for my husband and prayed with me. I could feel the warmth and love given by the brothers and sisters at the church.

Besides that, I was invited to be a part-time staff at LLH in 2006 December. That was the time I truly witness the beauty of this Christian based non-profit organization. LLH never hire a full-time staff, as they wanted to lower their cost to benefit more people. But all part-time staff usually worked over-time voluntarily. I could say what I learn from the value of LLH was "Making a difference to one's life is more important than earning more money." Therefore, it was not hard to find many free or low fee programs and activities at LLH. We had many summer day camp and tutorial class children continuously registering with us every year from G1 all the way to G8. That can really show even LLH services are low cost, but still has high quality.

I really glad to see that City of Vancouver is getting more prosper. However, we could not neglect the needs of ethic and moral development. LLH and the church of God in Vancouver are using love and care to create a better community and bonding people together. Their aim is to make a lovely world for us and to our next generation. I hope that City of Vancouver can appreciate their hard works through out these 17 years and consider helping them to continue their services in Vancouver.

Best Regards,

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Yuk Ching (Ida) Kong

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

January 22nd, 2017

City Hall

453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Vancouver, BC

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Re: Mount Pleasant Industrial Area Zoning Changes (East of Quebec Street)

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council of the City of Vancouver:

My name is Jancis Wong, and I'm currently a first year international student studying in UBC. Living in a foreign country for 3 years, I am writing to you in regards of expressing the positive impact Light & Love Home has provided me in settling comfortably in Canada.

Light & Love Home did not only provide me precious opportunities to reach out to those who are in need, but <sup>it</sup> also help me <sup>to</sup> reintegrate into Canadian culture and customs. I can honestly say, volunteering with this organization has helped me so much in not only gaining such unique experiences to apply for universities, but it also let me immerse into the beautiful and friendly local Vancouver neighborhood.

One of the main aspect I find most valuable in this organization are the free educational and technological classes, haircut & celebration events for seniors in this community. Knowing that an estimate of 50% of Vancouver's population are seniors, I think our community should stress and demand for more services towards senior citizens.

All in all, I truly believe the existence of Light & Love Home is more important and impactful to us more than we know it. I understand the city requires rezoning of this area for advancement and economical development. However, as city council I hope you'll consider the wellness, community bond and

beneficial opportunities that Light & Love Home provides for the good of the city. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmest Regards and God Bless,

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Janice Wong

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Jan 20, 2017

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Re: mt Pleasant Industrial Area Zoning Changes (East of Quebec St)

Dear Mayor Robertson & Council of the City of Vancouver.

Ever since I learned about the news of rezoning, I have some mixed feelings towards this. I agree to pertain the digital innovation economy and have more job opportunities. But I know certainly that there is something beyond and above wealth and career.

Over the past 10 years, I am amazed to see many dedicated volunteers to do good for the community without receiving money or material benefits. They visit those who are in need in weekly basis. They come to teach children and teenagers every Saturday. They recruit volunteers from various campuses and encourage people to give back to the community. It's not a one-time thing, dozens of them have been doing it for over a decade! These committed local residents take initiative and make time to build a better community.

If the City decides to rezone the area for better economy and asks these people, namely the Church of God in Vancouver, Light and Love Home and Love Your Neighbour to relocate at their own cost because they are on "commercial lease", there is a message that lies behind the decision. I hope the COV will not come into this decision.

13 years ago, I decided to join them to contribute to my community. I am proud that I made the decision. It's a great sense of satisfaction when I spend time visiting seniors and listening to their stories. When I see the smiles on their face and when they shake my hands and say thank you, I know I am doing the right thing.

True essence of a community consists of deep relationships, sense of inter-connectivity between individuals and the inner satisfaction from enjoying the closeness and ~~harmony~~ harmony with others.

I sincerely hope that the City of Vancouver will support us by providing with us an affordable place to continue with our community services.

Best Regards,

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Kerry Chuah

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Jan 21/2017

To Whom It May Concern,

When I was informed about the rezoning of Quebec and 6<sup>th</sup> st, there were a lot of mixed emotions - fear, sadness, but mostly disappointment. Many of us are informed that most of the area has been sold privately and it really comes down to this - you have sold our community members short. Light and Love Home has served the community for almost 20 years. We have proven time and time again that members within the community has benefitted from the outreach programs that we provide. This is simply priceless - we are unable to put a dollar amount on the time and effort that we have put into this community. In our perspective, it just seems like "money talks" - but who is really gaining from these actions? My concern is that the city is too driven to the idea that rezoning the area will "create many job opportunities". But what about the thousands of Vancouver citizens that rely on outreach programs like ours? Financial security is one thing, but it is at the cost of people's social and mental health which concerns me the most. I thank you for taking the time to read the following letter.

Regards,

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January 21, 2017

To Mayor Robertson and Council of the City of Vancouver,

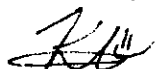
On October 15, 2016, I attended the open house at Mount Pleasant Community Center and found out there was a plan in place to rezone east of Quebec Street. As a member of the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home, this was a concern to me as I regularly attend services in the Simon Fraser Annex building.

Having moved to Vancouver from Calgary in 2008 to begin university after high school, I lived in the Mount Pleasant area during my university career and transition to working life. I consider the members at Light and Love Home and the Church to be my family as they had helped me to mature into adulthood to be the person I am today. During times of the stresses of university workload, and feelings of homesickness, members of the Church of God in Vancouver were there to provide me with spiritual support. They took the time to understand what I was going through and how I felt and prayed for me. They taught me to not only know about God, but to experience His closeness and help. This kept me at a peaceful state of mind during my studies, and kept me optimistic, without fear about the future when I graduated. Not only that, they supported me with academic help and cooked meals for me. I also had a peer group there where we studied together and went through similar challenges together. I remember my first Thanksgiving in Vancouver, I truly felt that these people were my family. As the years went by, I regularly went to the church to attend church meetings, have games and meals. I also started to volunteer for Light and Love Home classes where I became more confident as a person and stepped out of my comfort zone. I was a shy person at first, afraid to try new things, but with the patient support of the members at Light and Love Home, I was able to consider about other's needs more and expand my capacity as a person. Slowly my interpersonal and organizational skills were built, and now 8 years later, I am a volunteer coordinator for Love Your Neighbour Club and executive officer for Light and Love Home. I even enjoy to volunteer my time to go on overseas missions to Fiji, South Africa and Philippines where I can offer my help to the less fortunate.

Furthermore, I found that I had built deep and meaningful relationships with the people which come to Light and Love Home and the church. I see these people regularly on a weekly, and even daily basis. I feel this is one lack that my generation, as millennials, have. This generation are tech savvy and have a need for technology driven industries, however, it is inevitable with the rise of mental illnesses, that these deep and meaningful relationships are important and needed.

The members of this community do not only need more job opportunities, but they deserve to have a place where they can belong to and feel as home. If the city is to rezone the Simon Fraser annex in which these valuable services operate, I would like to see the services continue in a similar location where the church and Light and Love Home can outreach to people in need easily, and that the people who are already members can look forward to a future home.

Sincerely,



Katy Law

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Dear Mayor Gregor Robertson and City Council,

My name is Teny Li and I am currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at the University of British Columbia. I am writing this letter in regards to the rezoning plans affecting Simon Fraser Annex. The first time I learned about the rezoning plans at the open house on October 15, 2016. Learning about the plans surprised and disappointed me as I thought the City of Vancouver would be accountable to its citizens by discussing the plans with us and others affected. Although development is necessary for improving Vancouver's liveability, it shouldn't come at the cost of sparing essential ~~community~~<sup>social</sup> services and communities.

Light and Love Home has provided essential community services for over 17 years. As a beneficiary of their services, I can testify that it had a positive impact on my life. Before I ~~was able to~~ struggled in my academics as it was difficult for me to grasp the concepts. Additionally, this made me unmotivated to study. The ~~was~~ effective tutoring along with their kindness from the Saturday classes was a stepping stone to help me improve in my studies. After being a ~~Student~~ student, I volunteered to be a ~~volunteer~~ tutor to give back, because I want to support their program.

Their services have also brought people of different backgrounds together because they are passionate to share the love of Jesus Christ. For me, coming here taught me about this love. Being a child who was naughty and had poor social skills, hearing about Jesus' love was what I needed the most. His love helped me see my true worth as a person and ~~the~~<sup>it is great to</sup> ~~can~~ forgive me of my wrongs. The people from the church were also very patient to support me in my growth. As a result, not only did I improve, but I realized that I can be part of a community that can bring changes to people's lives.

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter. I hope that as <sup>the City</sup> works on the development plan, you can consider for our needs. It would be great if you can provide a new place for us.

Best regards,

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Teny Li

January 22, 2017

To the Honourable Mayo, and the Council of the  
City of Vancouver

I would like to express my concern regarding the rezoning of 123 East 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver. I think the idea of growing the Mount Pleasant area for economic development is good, and acknowledge that more jobs can be created through developing the area, however if by doing so, we lose the services currently provided by the organizations situated at 123 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, I would consider it a big loss to the Mount Pleasant community, and to the City of Vancouver.

Personally, I have been a beneficiary of the services from both Light and Love Home, and the Church of God in Vancouver (located at 123 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave). From the first time that I joined them as a visitor to Canada back in 2007, then when I officially joined them in 2011 as a new immigrant, I have experienced revival in my spirit, renewal in my direction in life, and personal care and support from the church meetings, home visits by other members, and various programs for people similar to me. From a student to a worker to a mother of two, no matter my stage of life or challenges, I have been able to fall back on this group for help, advice, support and guidance.

As <sup>you are</sup> people in authority who can make a difference to the future of this community, I plead for your help in keeping the services offered by Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver. If you must go ahead with the rezoning plans, please also take care of the 400 plus people that are currently using these essential services! I ask, where else can you find services/programs that don't just run a program, but care for you, your family, the wellbeing of your body, spirit, and the

harmony in your home? If more can be the recipient of such care, our community would look different. When people are content, they would not resort to crime, illicit drugs or other habits that cost the government resources and money. As a tax payer, I think I would rather see my money invested in such services over others.

I trust that you would take my request, and many who think the same, into your considerations. I am glad to voice my opinion through this letter, at the rally conducted by Light and Love Home last November, and through their petition.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to hear my story/experiences with Light and Love Home or the Church of God in Vancouver, or if I could be of any assistance to this matter.

Best Regards,

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Amy Dena

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To Mayor and council of city of Vancouver

The news about the rezoning of 123 E. 6th Ave made me worried, I joined Light and Love Home 17 years ago as a high school volunteer, and now my kids really like joining the program at Light and Love Home.

I grew up at Mt. Pleasant area for the past 20 years, I also work in this neighbourhood, now my two kids also growing up in this area. I know there is a lot of low income families in this area, and workers who work at the industrial area really benefit, from the low cost programs or even free program provided by Light and Love Home.

My kids like the program at the church and Light and Love Home a lot, I found them easier to teach and very cooperative after they joined the programs. I appreciate the teachers of Light and Love Home are very caring, they are well liked by my kids. They served because of God's love, they are all volunteers with passion. It is not easy to raise kids in this generation, just talking about the weed store at every corner of the street, they need to be guided to go on the right path, the bible teaching I found at the church is the perfect guidance for them. I myself also found great support when I face different pressure from work, husband and family, I gained strength after each visit to Light and Love Home.

I enjoyed the ukulele class, aerobic class and ping pong class at Light and Love Home, it helps me to maintain healthy lifestyle, my whole family benefit from these. Just take ukulele class as an example, I want to learn music for a long time but never got a chance, now I can learn it with my son for free, spending quality time with my son and learn something that I like at the same time.

Since I gained so much from the church and Light and Love Home, I strongly support their continuation services in Mt. Pleasant area, I even brought my kids to the open house and rally. If there is no choice for the rezoning, I asked the city to give Light and Love Home a bigger place in the same area, so my family can continue to enjoy the services provided by Light and Love Home.

To: Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver.

I have been joining Light & Love Home for over 10 years. I volunteered at summer day camp programs and some Sunday programs as teaching assistant. I benefited from the experience & witnessed many children enjoyed their programs.

My daughter joins activities organized by Light & Love Home. She meets many friends, enjoys the field trips & sports programs. She grows in physical & psychological strength. She also attended the summer day camp in 2016. It was the best summer program she ever had.

I really hope that my family can continue to join programs by Light & Love Home.

Sincerely,

Janice

Janice Chan

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Dear Sir,

I am joined 'Light and Love home' for 17 yrs, my family and I so happy and join their activities, we meet many friends, and they help me to solve many personal and family issues.

I hope we can continually to join their services, and let "Light and Love home" to help this community and bless others people. Thanks;

Sincerely,

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Fiona Chou

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Dear Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,

This ~~re-zoning~~ <sup>re-zoning</sup> is just like a shock and our whole family is really upset. F.Y.I. Linda & I have done contribute so much to the local society like organizing classes to the minor and senior, clean the city, organizing open house to public & etc.

Our whole family benefit and got the support from the church during our downtime, everyone in the church is so friendly and helpful. Without this place, there will be a big loss not only to the people in the church but also to the local society.

I do hope the City of Vancouver would help to relocate us to a suitable place nearby which is convenient to present families and society around the city. Thank you!

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To Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,  
When I first heard about the re-zoning plan that would ~~take~~  
take the site away from Light and Love Home, I was saddened.  
The services that Light and Love Home provide to the  
community are one of the most sincere I've ever seen.  
From iPad training for seniors to tutoring service for students,  
their services are invaluable and greatly benefit the community.  
I hope the City of Vancouver will allow Light and Love Home  
to continue to exist by providing an alternate site for it to  
relocate.

John Siu  
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Jan 22nd, 2017

TO: Mayor and Council  
City for Vancouver

1. When I first time heard that the location of 123 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, BC will rezone soon, I am so up sad about that, because I have been staying in light and love home for more than 15 years, I grew up. Learned with ppl in the organization. I don't wanna leave from this ~~area~~ area.
2. I got lots of help from light and love home. When I first immigrated from China, I was so homesick, lonely, and ~~cry~~ cried all the times. If without light and love home's help, I wouldn't stay in Vancouver, maybe I got depression. I wouldn't have a lovely family, I wouldn't have 2 cute, lovely sons.
3. I joint the open house, ~~sa~~ summer day camp for my sons Sunday kids ~~program~~ program. I got a lot of treasure things from light and love home.

name: Shun Yi Chai Ma

signature:

phone:

email:

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Toby Chan  
123 E 6th Ave.  
Vancouver BC V5T 1J6

20 January, 2017

To: Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver

Dear Sir/Madam,


In the past few months, I went to the City Hall a couple of times with other volunteers from Light and Love Home. A lot of our volunteers were even senior people. I wondered why they suffer from windy and cold weather outside the City Hall and still did not want to leave in rain. We all had the same hope that the City could listen to our voice and paid attention to our needs in this community.

All the volunteers in Light and Love Home are so friendly and kind. They spend so much thier own time, money and efforts to serve this community from the bottom of their hearts. The most important thing is their love towards people. We receive not merely the service from Light and Love Home but also love, support and a lot of encouragement from them. Most of us feel that we become happier after joining their activities. They also encourage us to contribute ourselves to this community and love our neighbor.

We really hope that the City can arrange a place for Light and Love Home to stay in this community so we can continue to serve the community and benefit even more people around us. I cannot imagine what a big loss to the community if Light and Love Home cannot continue to operate. Without our service, there will be impact on children, youth, senior and a lot of families. As our good Government, the City has responsibility to maintain the stability and harmony in the community. We hope that the City will appreciate our contribution to this community and let the Light and Love Home carries on their valuable service.

Your sincerely,

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Toby Chan

Personal email:

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Maya

The City of Vancouver

I am the member of

Light and Love Home. I enjoy

The work as volunteer.

I am dit'l student. I

feel warm & hope in this

place.

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Mayor  
Council  
The City of Vancouver

I am joining Light  
and Love Home over ten years.

I go to this community  
every week. Pls provide the  
place for Light and Love  
Home.

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Herman Luo

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January 22, 2017

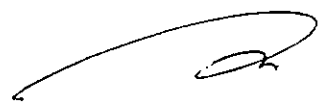
To Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver

As a current and ongoing member of Light and Love Home, I have many ties and associations with this place and services provided. With visits ranging from 3 to 7 times a week over the past 17 years I have attended, you can say Light and Love Home is like a second home, more than just a community service building, the people at Light and Love Home are like a big family to me.

You can imagine my shock, when I first heard about the rezoning of the block of East of Quebec Street between 2nd and 6th Avenue. At the open house I learned Light and Love Home would need to move but to where? There was seemingly no consideration for the occupants, as many plans were outlined for the future but nothing was said about the current occupants.

As the real estate market becomes more and more unaffordable, questions arise on how Light and Love Home can continue its services, find another location to rent, with enough space or parking, or would they need to discontinue their services? The current location with ample parking is especially convenient for seniors and families with young children, who were born and are growing up there. Finally, if Light and Love Home discontinues their services, I will be so lost, how will I rebuild the ties for the past 17 years again somewhere else?

I urge the City to reconsider Light and Love Home as a community partner to grow with the city, instead of letting it disappear with the rezoning or new developments.



Yan Kai Bisney Lau

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To Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,

The first time when I heard about the rezoning plan of the area, I felt worry and discomfort. I worry about those who come to have our services. They really need our helps. We do really able to give them what they need.

I want the City feel equal important on rezoning the area for economic advantages and basic communities service for the families living in the area.

Mr. Yung Wang Leung

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17th Jan. 2017.

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To Mayor & Council of the City of Vancouver,

My three kids had joined the Light & Love Home for almost five years. They joined the homework tutorial classes, the English tutorial classes before. And now they are volunteers of it, they learn to be responsible for the communities from the Light & Love Home. And the Light and Love Home is really about to guide them to develop this sense of belonging and serve to the communities.

I would like all the member of the Council of the City of Vancouver to make the services provided by the Light & Love Home to be able to continue in the communities, so that the people, like us, in the area & nearby can get helps.

Miss Ngan Ching Yik

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Jan, 18, 2017

phone number

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To Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,

I totally understand that the importance of economic growth in our city. However, we should not sacrifice the social service in our community to keep our city growth. Since 1998, I actively involved in the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home (Located in Zone I-1B). I get helped and helped many others in the past 18 years. Since college life to now I am a father of 10 and 7, not only my family have better quality of life because of these organizations, but also I have chance to be a volunteer to help many other people to deal with many problems that this society need to throw in lots of resources such as language barrier, family relationship, gambling, drugs, etc. Indeed, we need more organizations like this to make this city more wonderful. Hundreds of people might lost their support if these organizations need to be relocated. Building up a good community takes years, we can't easily let go.

On the other hand, there is a piece of land for sale for many years just right across 6<sup>th</sup> ave of I-1b. Also, a 20000+ sq ft fully renovated commercial building next to it has been vacant for years. I think that reflect the need of the growth in the area.

Regards,

Jordan Kwan

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To Mr. Gregor Robertson and the Vancouver City Council,

I felt deeply concerned when I heard the rezoning of the Quebec street area in Mt Pleasant would affect 123 East 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home. I first came to the Church of God in Vancouver 10 years ago. Back then, I felt I was in a low point in my life. I was quite depressed, unmotivated to participate in society. I was failing my college/university courses and close to being kicked out of school. I wanted to change, to be happy, reading many self-help books. but I was not motivated enough to take action and change. But coming to this Church, I met, my now close friends, who welcomed me and truly cared about me. Since then they have guided me and supported me through my many life stages. Here is where I found God, a purpose and meaning in life. Now I have a family with an 11 month old son, finished my studies and Masters of Science and working as a Software developer. I honestly do not know where I'd be if I had not come to this church 10 years ago. and met this group of Christians and God. I have witness many more lives change through the church and services here.

As a software developer, I do not oppose the economic development plan or rezoning. But I sincerely plead that the city consider how the church and Light and Love Home's services can also support peoples lives and in turn, they can support the community, the economy and Society. If we must leave our current location, can you support The Church of God in Vancouver to find another location nearby to serve from?

Yours truly, P. O.

Jan 22, 2017

To Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council,

When I first heard about where Light and Love Home Vancouver and the Church of God in Vancouver will be located.

I am a member of the Church of God in Vancouver since 1999. I believe and still believe that the current place (meeting place) is a great access to people of all ages. It is close to Chinatown (where there are a lot of seniors, families and children).

The place is close to transit, which was convenient for me in my youth. I am 34 years old now and two young kids (less than 2 years old). Driving and finding parking in this area is difficult. The place has abundant parking at its current location as well as green space (parks) where families can enjoy.

I remember bring college friends to church meetings and light and love Home events was easy to get to since the place was close to Broadway (AKA B-line) and Langara College (along Main St).

I was attracted by God (our Lord Jesus) not because of the place, but by many people that God brought to this place. Many couples (even myself) had their wedding here, even though the place is not pretty. I believe God has put us here for more families & friends to understand God. Having a building that has ample parking and ~~convenient~~ convenient is very hard to find and this one can be a stepping stone to know God. Through our meetings.

S.K. Chiu  
604 761 6308  
lgmanjpa@gmail.com

Jan 20, 2017

City of Vancouver &  
Mayor of Vancouver City

Re: Alt Pleasant Main St / Quebec St Rezoning

Dear Mayor & Councilors of City of Vancouver

I heard that the City of Vancouver has plan to rezone the captioned area and I'd like to express my concern of it. I know this community very well as I've been involvly in the Light & Love Home activities and attending the services of the Church of God in Vancouver. I know this community needs some renewal & I have no objection towards this.

However, from my experience, I know that any development plan that ignore the residents' mental / spiritual needs are not sufficient. I saw many tragedies in a materially well developed community that lacks organizations to care for the people's heart. I've been in Vancouver for almost 30 years and I love this city & certainly don't want this city community to have the same thing happening in here. People in Alt Pleasant not just need buildings that look great, but they also have great needs for people who cares their hearts & lives.

Light & Love Home of the Church of God in Vancouver has been my great help to merge into western culture while retaining my roots of Asian background. In different stages of my life I get helped from them & I can help others as well. Life is not just money

but the people around us ~~are~~<sup>is</sup> the most important thing, especially a group of people with great quality to love & to care.

The current plan of the City of Vancouver to re-zone but to exclude Light & Love Home & the Church of God in Vancouver is really shocking and insufficient to me, as a person with family & friendly deeply connected to the people in here. I strongly demand the City of Vancouver to include the services from Light & Love Home & the Church of God in Vancouver to the plan of the Mt. Pleasant Rezoning.

Yours sincerely,

SK. Chin

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January 22, 2017

Mayor Gregor Robertson  
453 W12th Ave  
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Attn: Rezoning of Light & Love Home on 123 E6th Ave

Dear Mayor Robertson,

Please consider<sup>ing</sup> the Light & Love Home in the upcoming rezoning of the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood community in 2018. I am aware that the City of Vancouver is moving forward with an economic development plan to bring<sup>in</sup> the tech industry, specifically at 123 E6th ave, Vancouver. I am writing you today to bring light to the Light & Love home; and to inform you that this non-profit organization will help the Mount Pleasant community & the future tech community in Vancouver, if you consider keeping the Light & Love home in this community.

I'm not sure if you are aware, but the Light & Love home has been proactively providing senior care services and children's day camp services to the Mount Pleasant community for 28 years. If you choose to completely displace the Light & Love home, you will create a void in our community. For example, my son will be attending camp services, where he will learn many skills, which are not available through the public education system during the summer time.

Solution: I recommend that you adjust the Mount Pleasant Economic Development Plan to mimic South Korea's planning strategy: This includes mixed-use zoning in urban areas, such as including non-profit organizations, such as the Light & Love Home above tech buildings ~~to make for your time.~~  
Sincerely, Randa Talit

Jan 22 2017

To the Mayor & Vancouver City Council :

My name is Elvis I am a member of Light & Love Home & have been joining the Church meeting of "God of Church in Vancouver" for over 10 years. I write the letter because I feel the rezoning of the area including Main & East 6 st will greatly affected the services that many people ~~the~~ have been enjoying.

I moved from Hong Kong with my wife in ~~2005~~ <sup>2006</sup>. The first ever day we came, we received the assistance from the member of the church that they brought us ~~to~~ to know around the area & apply sin card & opened bank account. I got my first job through a referral of the ~~member~~ member that I know in the church. The above examples just want to express how helpful of the people to my ~~the~~ <sup>family</sup> and the area. Canada, esp- Vancouver has many new immigrants which really need local people to help. Now my daughters who are 7 & 9 also join the activities here & do the volunteer works. I would say without all the assistances that provided by the organization, we wouldn't be settled so fast and now in return can contribute to the Country.

I understand each city request change & growth but we should also consider the need of people's here & sense of belonging. Most organizations provide services but not many building friendship, mutual help &



caring of whole person needs. I hope the Mayor & the Council can keep the Light & Love Home in the same area because they are really helping many seniors & low income groups around this community. It is really hard for seniors to commute too long if the organization cannot stay in this area.

I would love to share more about my story and how I benefited from the services by contacting me by email at elvishui1977@gmail.com.

Thank you for your attention!

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Elvis Hui

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Jan. 22, 2017

To: The Mayor Gregory Robertson and Vancouver  
City Council

Re: Rezoning and removal of building at 123 E. 6th Avenue.

Dear Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council. First of all, I personally voted your team in for at least two terms.

The rezoning and expected removal of the building at 123 E. 6th Avenue will affect me and my family. Our whole family attends Church services here on a regular basis. It is helpful for our physical and spiritual health. Our faith gives us strength and hope in our daily lives. It is here where we learned about the God of the Bible. It is here where we believed and renew our spiritual health with other Christians.

The location is about fifteen minutes from my home. I would like a facility close to this area with sufficient parking if possible. We come as a family with two children. It may be difficult to transit to a place without parking.

This church is like our second home. The members are an extension of my family. We share our struggles, we share our victories. We are here to make Vancouver, our place of work, a better place.

Thank you for reading, sincerely, Peter Lui.

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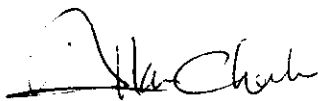
January 22, 2017

Dear Mayor Robertson and the Vancouver City Council,

I felt upset when I learned that Light and Love Home (hereafter denoted LLH) and the church there might lose its serving location due to the City's proposed rezoning plan regarding 123 E 6th Ave.

As a service recipient and also a volunteer, I found that what LLH and the church has been doing is beyond providing social activities and free classes to the community. It is a place where I can feel the selfless support and help are offered without asking anything in return. To name a few, they provided so much help on preparing my application to sponsor my wife to immigrate to Canada while we could not afford to hire an immigration consultant. When they heard about the challenges of getting a job that my wife faced as a newcomer, they took initiative to offer help and thru their reference my wife was able to land her first stable job that matches her skills and experience. For three years now, both I and my wife, with a grateful heart, have been volunteering with LLH to give and to care for the needs of others in the community.

It will be a very sad thing to see a non-profit organization with such a group of caring and passionate people that committed themselves to serve the local community for over 17 years, left with no options but to terminate its service. I really hope that the City could help LLH to a place to continue to serve this community, whether at the current location or being relocated.



Allan Cheuk

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Dear Mayor Robertson:

This place is very important to me. I grow up and became mature because of the community services, vision and my personal involvement, that provide here.

I visit senior home, involve in the city community services because of the encouragement from people that I met in this place. This place began my personal development. I learned how to be a lovely person - cared others and experiencing caring from other. Even though I have a very busy fulltime job, I use this place for my fellowship time, and building bonding together. The people I met here are always community-oriented. They extend and promote family relationship and kindle love and care. I always want this place to continue the services.

Mark Wing

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If you have any query, please contact me

at [REDACTED] or email

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Regards,

Fiona

Jan 22, 2017

To Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,

When I knew reasoning and potential closing the service of Light and Love Home, I feel so sad and disappointed.

I am a new immigrant to Vancouver. My family came to Vancouver 3 years before. We really gain the benefit from Light and Love Home Services. My family needs the service.

My son was 6 years old when we was new immigrant. My son attended 6 weeks summer day camp. He can build the friendship between classmates and learn the communicate skill under multi-culture environment. It really help him to adopt his 1st semester easily at school. He feel more brave to use English in new environment under the love supervision of teachers/volunteers in Light and Love Home. After that, he continuously join Sunday until now. He joins soccer, aerobics, fellowship time for 3 years. He has fun and make <sup>much</sup> ~~many~~ friendship. Now, he is a 9 years old. He becomes the volunteer in Smarties Club. He is not only enjoy the service and also provide service to the community. ~~Smart~~

I also the member of Light and Love Home. The relationship with my husband and I were not good before. The Light and Love provided personal consultation a few times. Therefore, my husband and I relationship improved. Now, my family is more harmony.

I also enjoy the dancing class on Saturday. I enjoy the exercise and have better health.

My family gain a lot of benefit from Light and Love Home. If they close, my family will suffer. They really provide the service with heart. I really hope Government provide a new location to continuous service.

To the Mayor and Vancouver City Council

When I first heard the rezoning plan from my friend, I felt a little bit concerned because the rezoning plan would demolish the church of God in Vancouver, which I attend regularly for my ~~the~~ belief. For me as an international student, I would feel so lonely living in Canada. However, since I joined the church, I felt hopeful and meaningful life I was searching for came to me. So the rezoning plan affects me deeply and negatively. What is more, this church provides community services to others, which is considered as meaningful and helpful as well. It provides services like free class to teach seniors how to use iPad for free, free hair cutting and so on. As part of the church, I, Zhenkun Li, really hope that government could consider the church while implementing city rezoning plan. And I am not opposing the rezoning but rather hoping the future of the church could not be ~~neglected~~ neglected. Finally, when I first come to Canada, I knew that Canada is a nice country, and everybody could vote on behalf of their interest, and the powerless and poor would not be

ignored. Therefore, the development of the rezoning district and the future of the church and community can be achieved simultaneously with democratic process. God bless Canada.

ZhanKun Li

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Sunday, January 22, 2017.

Dear Mayor Robertson and City Councillors,  
My name is Hanae and I am a member of the Church of God in Vancouver on 123 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Vancouver. I am also a volunteer in Light & Love Home Charity Organization. When I heard of the government's proposal to rezone the location of our building, I was surprised that the proposal and plans were so sudden. The rezoning of my church concerns me. I have been joining this church for the past 8 years. The people I have met through the church have become like family to me and also have become my closest friends. I join the church meetings <sup>and activities</sup> on Sundays from 10:30am-4pm, Wednesdays from 6pm-8:30pm, and Fridays from 6pm-9pm. At these meetings I could develop a closer relationship with God and experience <sup>a sense of</sup> place. When I face personal troubles in my life, I find support from the Christians from the church. Through these years, I have also involved in volunteering with peers from the church. Without the building and amenities and centre at 123 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, we will not be able to come together as a whole group and close knit community. Please help us keep the unity of our church and continuation of services. - Hanae Miura



Jan 22, 2017

To the Mayor and Vancouver City Council,

The rezoning plan really concerns me because it may mean that LLH (Light and Love Home) and the church cannot continue their services. We have been serving the community for 17 years and this organization helps me to know God and therefore I have the strength to help others and care for the community. I personally volunteered in the summer Day Camp, Ipad classes, and various activities since 2004. I feel that this is my family and I saw many people's lives were changed because of us. We really put our hearts and efforts in serving. If we cannot continue our service, who is going to take up what we have been doing? We care for the people instead of activity-oriented.

We are not opposing the rezoning but we would like to stay & continue our services in our original

place. First, this place is located in the central of the city & close to the Chinatown so it is convenient for the seniors to come. Second, in these years some people when they were in need, they really came back and asked for help. If we move, it may become a hindrance for them to seek for help. If we can stay, it shows that the City really cares for the people and not just the money. It is a good education and testimony to our next generation. I also have volunteered in the other organization before, but ~~if~~ this is the only place that keeps me for more than a decade. I consider the people here not just my friends, but also my family members.

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Stephen Choi

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Dear Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver:

The city's rezoning plan concerns me a lot regarding 123 E 6th Ave. Light and Love Home is the organization which provides different services toward various age groups. It makes us feel the sense of community. Therefore, rezoning it means those who are enjoying the services, or those who found the sense of belonging in here will have a hard time to involve in another community. It can cause tremendous harm to people mentally or even physically.

By expressing my opinion and feelings about the city's plan through rallying, I feel that people in Light and Love Home are strongly united in one heart. It is not just a place to enjoy services, but for many of us, it is our second home.

We understand that the city intends to replan / redevelop this area for economic benefits. However, I feel that mental / spiritual well-being should be put prior to economy. Therefore, we respect

DATE / /

the city's development plan, but please kindly provide us a suitable and reasonable place so that we can continue to love, to care and to share.

Best Wishes. Thanks!

Jan. 22. 2017  
Echo Mo

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Jan. 22, 2017

Dear Sir,

I and my family is giving great thanks to Light & Love Home which have provided many services to my family and children since 1998. It help my children to grow up healthy and valuable to the society. It's a great loss and very disappointed for us if Light & Love Home loses its currently activities place.

Community development is important but L & L Home is more important than economic improvement. Without daycare services, family activities, many other meaningful service, our life is ~~in~~ incompleated.

I strongly hope and encourage the government keep providing the current place and help L & L Home to develop more services to the community which can help many family, youth and children.

If you need details, you could contact me at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential or email me @ s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Life is more than money!  
We need Love and care!

Sincerely,

Michael Jr.

Dear Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver,

Thank you for working for us and the city. I am glad to have this opportunity to write to you to express my feelings and opinions.

From my own life experience, I found that it is very worthy to maintain the services that The Church of God in Vancouver, Light and Love Home, and The Love Your Neighbour Club provided in this community.

When I first came to Vancouver, I had depression and had no way out. The brothers and sisters in the Church counseled me patiently according to the truth of the Bible. They care for my mental and spiritual health. When we worshipped together, I experienced God's love and God's words filled my heart and I was completely healed. I found the true meaning of my life and God is so real in my life.

Moreover, Light and Love Home also helped me to take my 1st step to get myself involved into the community. It was not a easy path to become a citizen from a stranger. My volunteering at Light

and Love Home, I met those who have a heart to serve the community and bring happiness to many seniors, kids, youth and people in needs. I made contributions to the community and experienced an abundant life.

Therefore, I also invited others to volunteer with Light and Love Home. One of them is an international student. Before he knew us, he once had suicide thoughts. However when he volunteered for the Summer Day Camp and joined the Church meeting, he found the way out of darkness and became cheerful and hopeful.

I found that Light and Love Home, and the Church of Christ in Vancouver are not just organizations that provide community services, but this is a home where people found themselves are well loved and have true hope in their lives.

I therefore earnestly ask the City to provide us the most suitable location to maintain our services in this community.

Yours faithfully, Stephanie Lee

Jan 22,  
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Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Dear Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver:

Please allow me to say a few words regarding to the rezoning plan on

123 E 6th Ave. I am a member of the Light and Love Home and I am also going to the

church located in this place. This place 123 E 6th Ave is very important <sup>to</sup> for me and means a

lot to me. I came to Vancouver recently from Edmonton. I know no one in Vancouver and I

feel lonely. However, after I join this church and become the member of Light and Love Home,

I feel like I found a family here in this new place. I am away from my parents now, and

this place really provides a shelter for my mental needs. People here are very nice, they help

me not just providing <sup>by</sup> ~~me~~ a volunteering place, <sup>for me</sup> but they care about my mental needs. The

spiritual needs deep down in my heart. They treat me like family members, <sup>their</sup>

I strongly feel that this community needs this love. The community not only need the growth of economic, but people here also need love and care, And we can do this.

I am not against with the economic development in this area, and I know that this is important

too. However, I really hope the government would not forget the needs of human's hearts. This

is far more important than economic growth. We truly served this community wholeheartedly

for many years, and through the letters from many of us, I hope you could feel that we

truly could help people who are in needed. We really hope we could continue our service

Jan 22, 2017

In this community, I sincerely hope the government could provide us a place to continue our services in this community.

Thank you for spending time reading this letter, and I really hope that the

government could consider our thoughts.

Sincerely,

Nita Law

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Dear Mayor and Council of the city of Vancouver,

I am a ~~was~~ current student studying in UBC, ~~at the same time~~ and I ~~was~~ am a member of Love Your Neighbour Club organized by UBC students, as well. Being a ~~member~~ volunteer in the church of Vancouver, when I first time heard the news ~~is~~ that the church will be taken away very soon, I was astonished. I knew this news in October 2016 and people in the church were told the news so suddenly that they cannot accept it. The rezoning plan of the church ~~concerns~~ <sup>will bring</sup> out ~~has~~ many problems because Light and Love Home organization ~~of~~ the church really have helped the communities ~~and~~ for ~~at~~ over 18 years. I think they should not be asked ~~to~~ <sup>moving</sup> away without ~~any~~ negotiating ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~with~~ For the ~~church~~ <sup>Light and Love</sup> Home organization, the church is like their home, ~~and~~ they have no other place to go ~~and~~ you have activities because they do not have <sup>enough</sup> money. ~~However~~ you may think that is not your concern, but the communities around the church concern because they all get benefits from the church services.

In my opinion, ~~the~~ in the rezoning plan, the church must ~~stay~~ be kept ~~and~~ so that the church services can continue. ~~The~~ The services are like helping seniors work with computers, teaching children ~~in~~ math and English, playing and caring seniors by tea gathering. Light and Love Home is nonprofit and provides ~~mainly~~ <sup>mainly</sup> services to ~~people~~ <sup>local</sup> citizens. This group of people deserves to stay in this place. As a UBC volunteer student, I need this place to present my love and compassion to people around, so I hope you really consider my concern deeply and ~~make~~ help save the church.

Sincerely,  
Wendy (Xinwei Kuang)

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To the respected Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council,

Having received abundant services from the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home, my heart compels me write on the subject of rezoning at the Mount Pleasant area. I could not find another word to summarize my experience more appropriately than 'life-transforming'.

I moved to Vancouver in the beautiful summer of 2013, in pursuit for my business and economics degree at SFU. Without any friends or relatives, transition to a new city was not easy. Although I had been an independent and motivated person, there is always a lack knowing that I am going through these times alone. Yet by the grace of God, I met a group of passionate volunteers, friends from the Church of God in Vancouver who demonstrated unconditional love towards my well-being and personal growth.

I soon discovered that I was not a unique case. Many, many more others in the community had received help from them. Lead by their example, I was inspired to serve others and make a difference to those around me. Overcoming my introverted personality, I grew up as a leader and serve as the president for a volunteer club in SFU, since 2014.

Even in these short years, I have seen countless individuals, families, single parents, youth and students who benefited from the services of the Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home. With that I sincerely plea the City to recognise the tremendous social value from organization, and continue to allow them to serve the ever growing need in the area.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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Fergus Wong

To: Mr. Gregor Robertson and the Vancouver City Council

I'm not opposed to job development in Vancouver. But I feel moving Light and Love Home, and The Church of God in Vancouver from it's current location would be a big loss to the community..

Specially the Students in both high school And university. Who Volunteer to serve their community with Light and Love Home.

We strive to teach them how to love their neighbour, and the community as a whole. Not just focus on personal gains I feel this is what this community needs from the next generation. I feel as a Canadian this is what will benefit our future as a country most.

Moving us from our current location would affect their accessibility to us greatly. We are currently close to a Sky train which makes it easier to get to us. Because not all these volunteers drive. Travel will place a great impact on their decision to serve their community with us or not.

Sincerely : (Tony) Van Suu Nguyen.

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To Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council,

I am writing this letter to your attention because I am truly saddened by the fact that Light and Love Home may have to be relocated. Even though I only attended Light and Love Home and the church for 4 years, the supports and personal attention I and many people received are tremendous.

The supports I received is very unique from other community center. Over the years, I learn to be more caring and supportive of others, through volunteering in the summer camp and occasionally on Sunday. Light and Love Home doesn't provide a lot of amenities but the supporting staffs are very attentive to everyone's needs. The staffs at Light and Love Home have given me good advise on matters regarding my lifestyle, career, and relationship. Best part of all, they really make themselves accessible. Over the years, I see how my life has changed. Even my family feels the difference and able to see the positive

changes in my lifestyle choices, such as making financial and health choices that can be beneficial to ~~myself~~ and supportive of family.

Light and Love Home is more than a community center as it truly opens the door for everyone who has the drive to make a positive change for the community. Myself and many more people who live around the area continually rely on Light and Love Home, and the Church, and desire to continually be able to serve the Mount Pleasant area. I have also personally seen the positive transformation of others, as that is my personal reason to ~~know~~ <sup>see</sup> how Light and Love Home will continually benefit the community.

As such, I would like to ask Vancouver City Council to give more considerations on letting our community center and church to remain in the area. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Best Regards

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STANLEY [Signature]

To Mayor Robertson and Vancouver City Council

I am writing this letter because I do not want to lose the community of people of Light and Love Home. I have been coming to LLH for many years. I have attended many of their educational classes in the past and have benefited from it. Although I am not a student anymore I continue to witness and support Light and Love Home in providing their services to students of all ages.

Now that I am working, Light and Love Home still has many services for working people such as fitness classes. There are also services for families and seniors. I also feel more motivated, I also feel that I have purpose and meaning in life. If I did not come to know this community, I ~~that~~ think I would just live my life self-centrally. But now, not only do I have a job, I also volunteer with Light and Love Home.

I have no issue with the City wanting to promote economic development; I just want the city to consider



the social needs around the community. I would like to stay in the current location because we can continue to support those that come to the current location. ~~If we need to move~~, however we are continuing to grow, so I request the city to support us with the resources, ~~as~~ necessary, for our business.

Devin Luo  
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January 22, 2017

Dear Mayor Gregor Robertson and council for the City of Vancouver,

My name is Christina, and I have been living in this beautiful city since 2009. I decided to move here to further my education at one of the top universities in the country and learn to be a global citizen, while making an impact in the local community I live in. I am writing to you concerning the rezoning project of the Mount Pleasant Industrial Area, east of Quebec Street.

Although I am sure you have and are receiving many letters concerning this project with seemingly similar content, I wanted to exercise my responsibility as a citizen to ensure that my voice was graciously heard. I trust you also agree with my belief that the unique and diverse people of different backgrounds, education levels, skillsets and lifestyle choices are the very people that make Vancouver so special- it is each and every individual that brings the vibrancy and evolution that builds the beautiful world-class city that you and I call home.

When I first heard about the rezoning of the Mount Pleasant area in October 2016, I was left curious and anxious. I am deeply affected because although I do not live in this neighbourhood, I do spend at least 3 days every week in this unique area to volunteer and teach children English and cooking skills, to support immigrant families and newcomer students, to uplift seniors who would otherwise be isolated, to come together with the people I call family at my Christian church, as my blood-related family is over a thousand kilometers away. I do this all outside of my regular day-job hours where I work to better the health of Vancouverites affected by mental illness, poverty, drugs, chronic diseases and acute medical emergencies.

The Mount Pleasant area is a unique space, now with new digital and creative businesses thriving in recent years, in close vicinity to Olympic Village, one of the world's best seawalls, and some of the city's finest coffee shops and ethnic eateries; it is evidently a flourishing neighbourhood. However, all this could be "just another busy place" where people go to work, grab coffee, and go for a run. It's nice, but *what makes a neighbourhood a community* is undoubtedly the people who care and love, the people to give with any resource they have- time, skill, heart, the people who have a heart to help others to grow, those who think of their neighbours before themselves, those who work and play with one another in laughter and with purpose.

This is what concerns me: losing the opportunity to contribute and connect to and help others in the Mount Pleasant area and from all of Vancouver due to lack of space in the neighbourhood. Yes, we can continue to try to help and reach out to those who need it, but what enables our actions is having the space and resources to do so—not only having the people who are willing to help. Willing hands need a place to station, just like all the dozens of non-profits and churches in the city that bring meaning to people's lives.

I agree with the city- I want this neighbourhood to grow, and that's why new developments are exciting; rezoning is exciting. I applaud the city for investing in infrastructure, as this lays the groundwork for growth. Another necessary pillar for the

growth of a community is *people of influence*. Looking back at the Olympic Village area, I can see how the new community centre, retail, and condos have been revolutionary, not only for Vancouver's skyline, but has an enormous impact on economic growth, the number of tourists, and the beauty of the city, *because it became a space for people to gather together as a community*. Just as it was for the Olympic Village area, the space just south of it needs to be a space for people to gather with purpose.

I would like to kindly ask those on the council to consider Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver when planning the rezoning of the area east of Quebec Street. Indeed, job space is important for work, but work is just a fraction of what makes up a person's life- a small piece to one person's identity, happiness, and productivity. It is also just a fraction of what the city has to offer, and a fraction of why people choose to stay and invest in Vancouver's future. I have personally joined the Open Houses in October and November of 2016, to educate myself on the views and plans of the city and to provide feedback to help create a better space. I have also joined the peaceful rally walk to City Hall to express and make known and heard my concerns and suggestions. I ask that the city can understand the positive impact Light and Love Home has been having on thousands of people over the past two decades, and to continue to support our endeavours to help the people of our city. I believe that those involved in endeavours larger than themselves are *people of influence*. We aspire to uplift people. To develop people. To cultivate a thriving, bustling, prosperous, and heart-warming community that can rise out of poverty, drug cycles, and mental illness, which are all major and complex issues all-too-common in Vancouver, among many other issues. Vancouverites need positive, encouraging and supportive relationships. Vancouverites need to be educated. Vancouverites need to be involved in something larger than themselves to yield purpose and satisfaction. Ultimately, we want a space to support this. Just as I trust the city also wants, we want to make this place a space of belonging and for people to thrive in their whole well-being. I kindly ask that the city please reserve a space for us. Please help us help you.

Thank you so much the work you do to keep our city a beautiful and vibrant mosaic, and for leading our city planners to create and support a progressive and innovative society. I am deeply grateful for your consideration of the organizations I support and identify with.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,



Christina Kwan

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To: Mayor Robertson and The Vancouver City Council

Dear Mr. Robertson and whom who may be concerned:

My name is Alan Yung, a member of Light & Love Home and The Church of God in Vancouver, both of which is currently located in 123 6th Ave, Vancouver, BC.

I am writing in regard of the rezoning program that takes place in this exact community, and would like to urge the sincere mayor and the government to consider retaining this historical site in order for our organization and church to continue our services to the local community. I shall provide 4 reasons to explain why it is ~~beneficial~~ <sup>beneficial</sup> to maintain our services in the exact location.

As I have suggested previously, the benefits of retaining our service is 3-fold. First, our service is indispensable to <sup>the</sup> East-Asian community. Light & Love Home has been providing local services specifically to East-Asian community,

and immigrant families over 2 decades. These include but is not limited to cooking, ESL classes, senior iPad classes, juvenile to teenager mathematics and English tutoring, juvenile summer day camp, fund-raising activities for overseas charity events e.g. Nepal orphanage house construction etc. Personally, I have been volunteering in this charity organization since 2012 and I can testify the great influence Light & Love Home has towards the East-Asian community and immigrants. Most of them come to seek help from this organization because of their complete lack or highly incompetency in the command of English, and struggle with just living in the new country. Not only does Light & Love Home taught them practical usage of English in daily life, their children also gain help in tutoring, which accelerated the whole family's adaptation to the new environment.

Furthermore, the range of age of members who received help from Light & Love Home is enormous, considering the size of the location site and the number of volunteers we have. During the weekdays and on Saturdays, we provide senior iPad classes to walk-in visitors age 55 and provided regular outreach iPad and computer technical services in senior homes within the community, eg. Grandview Tower Senior home. It is evident that the organization extends their services to members and visitors ranging from 5 to 85, and our services are never limited by our physical location.

Second, the retention of our services in the same location minimize the effort the Vancouver City Council needs in order to search for a new site for Light & Love Home. As a certified charity organization which has provided local services

in East Vancouver for more than 2 decades, we are extremely confident that we have gained enough local support in order to continue our service. Since last October, we have asked for petitions from our members and the local community, and we have gained over thousands of written and online petition signatures. It is undoubtedly true that the local community has felt a need for our service and yearned for our help. If the government force the ~~own~~ organization to move from this site, it is believed that there is a high chance that we will gain enough support to ask for the City Council to seek a new site for re-location, regardless of how the rezoning program turns out. I strongly believe that the retention will save a lot of time and effort for the government.

Third, Light & Love Home has been a site for the local community to gather together. Since early 90's, the number of the organization and the church has grown significantly, and today we have more than 300 members most of which gather in the site 3 to 4 times per week. Rezoning program will definitely result in a loss of a community gather place, a community centre, and a symbol of local harmony. Rather than seeking for a new community centre in the area after rezoning to fulfil local needs, I suggest the government to retain the historical site for the benefit of the whole community.

As I close, I urge the sincere mayor and the Vancouver City Council to retain the ~~historical~~ site in order to preserve the integrity of the community, and allow the Light & Love Home to continue to serve so that more people in the East Vancouver can be benefited.



Yours sincerely,

Alan Yama

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22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017.

To the Mayor and Vancouver City Council:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the City Rezoning plan on the Mount Pleasant (MP) Community. In particular, I would like to emphasize the merits of incorporating organizations that provide social services to this community and areas nearby into the plan.

I have been working as a volunteer and administrative staff for the charity organization Fight and Love Home, located on Main Street and 5th Ave for 3 years. During these years, I have helped in tutoring classes and summer schools, and have personally witnessed many families, seniors, teenagers, and children who have received help and support from us in different aspects. Recent we were helping a family in which the daughter newly arrived Vancouver from Taiwan 2 months ago. Due to the impacts from language, culture and environment, this talkative and energetic girl became solitary and was not motivated. Since she joined our classes, surprisingly, she gradually opened herself, starting to make friends and getting more motivated to explore her life in this city which is her new home. I am very impressed by the fact that our services can bring forth such great impact to a child like her and change and make her life more meaningful and filled with energy.

And personally, I was also benefited from Fight and Love Home. The volunteer work and services provided let me realize that I can contribute to this society. I am also from an immigrated family, experienced a long period of time finding out the way how to involve in this country and culture. Thanks to the

Church of God and Light and Love Home, I received help today. I can also help someone so that their new lives in Canada can be guided and smoothed.

The plan of city rezoning in MP community could certainly attract many new businesses, creating job opportunities which are essential to the further and sustainable development of this area. This is for the benefits of not only the residences in this district but also people who live in other areas of Vancouver. However, while considering the merits in terms of finance and occupation, the social and mental needs of the people in the MP community, which are extremely important, cannot be ignored.

People in Vancouver in majority are abundant in materials, but many are in spiritual needs. They seek for helps in life, love, care and friendship that satisfy their inner selves. This cannot be replaced by just money or possessions. Therefore, I firmly believe, and I urge, the Mayor and the City Council to take this into a serious consideration in the plan of city rezoning for the MP community, and allow Light and Love Home, and the Church of God, to continue their social services in this community after the rezoning process is completed.

Sincerely,

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John Lo

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To Mayor & Council,  
City of Vancouver,

My son, Wells [REDACTED], joining the Light & Love Home's activities and tutorial class for many years. He really get the help from that organisation. He ~~enthusiastic~~ enthusiastic, hard working, he is one of the volunteer in Light & Love Home, he is straight A student in the High school, Light & Love Home is one of the reason. It's not only an organization but a excellent community ~~to~~ to the city.

Matthews SWEN

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Jan 2017

To Mayor and City Council,

I have been using and attending the programs and facilities at 123 East 6th Avenue Vancouver for the past 15 years. The Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver have been a great source of support and encouragement for my personal physical, mental and spiritual growth. I currently attend their programs like men's aerobic class and ukulele. I also volunteer for various events and functions at this location. In summary, this place is more than a home to me and my family and I hope the City of Vancouver will continue to help ~~the~~ Light and Love Home and Church of God in Vancouver to service this community now and many years to come.

Sincerely,

Godwin Wong

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Yuen S Yip

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January 23, 2017

Mayor and council of the city of Vancouver

Re: Mount Pleasant Industrial Area

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am an US resident. I have stayed in Vancouver for a couple of months and I love this city. It motivated me to relocate to Seattle from Puerto Rico in order to get closer to this city. Regarding the city rezoning plan related to 123 E6th Ave, I have certain concerns as follows:

1. I feel very disappointed when I found out city rezoning plan involving 123 E6th Ave. No matter where it is relocated, it does affect the service to the community. The organization, Light and Love Home, has been provided services to the community for a decade years. And the people who they served are covered a wide range from kids to elderly.
2. Although I am an US resident, I obtained the services from Light and Love Home and the Church of God when I was staying in Vancouver. I got a new direction to my life during that period. And they affected me to love this city. As a result of rezoning plan, their services may no longer be provided if they are unable to get a new place to continue their operations.

Finally, I do hope you and the council could consider in depth on the effect of the rezoning plan on the community and the image of the city. And I do look forward your wise decision to reduce the impact of the rezoning. Thank you for your time to consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Yuen S Yip

January 22, 2017

Dear Mayor + city council

When I first heard of the rezoning of light and love home I was shocked and worried, it was like my second home because I come every Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. This place also brings me many friends, I also enjoy coming to events that are really cool. My friends here always support me, I really think that the rezoning plan is not very good because all the services like math class, or english class, etc. would be all gone. I go to math class and english class, and it has benefited me alot, get good grades because of it, and if I don't go anymore I would probably fail and I will be upset.

I am concerned that if city rezones this place none of the people here will be able to experience the experience I had with this place. The services here also provide good snacks if we were hungry and everything here is TOTALLY worth it. I know that many people come here and they say they really enjoy it here.

If city rezones this place I would lose many of my friends and all the services that I benefit from would all be gone, I would be home all day and I would be so bored I would also play video games all day and ruin my eyesight but just saying the services help me NOT ruin my eyesight and help me to make use of my time but city might take that away so I am really worried for LLH

I hope that city will make give us a good place so we can continue our services and be successful and make many people happy and make our city a happy place.

From: Elijah

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Age: 12

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I HOPE YOU CONSIDER US!

Jan 22, 2017

Dear Mayor/Counsellor

The recent proposal of rezoning which affects my church came as a shock and a sense of unfairness. As a non-profit organization, Light and Love home has supported and served this and other communities with interest and educational classes, clubs, day camps, and activities. In addition, we partake in events such as cleaning the neighborhood, and feeding the homeless. It would be a pity to shut down these programs.

Light and Love home and the Church of God in Vancouver benefitted me in just about every aspect of my life. I have become a much better person than I otherwise would have if I didn't come here. I have learned here to become a leader and to have better communication skills. I also found there ~~are~~<sup>is</sup> more to life than video games, good grades, and being a popular person at school. I have found a purpose in life, and that is to echo God's love and to be faithful to Him and his will.

These are just only some of the reasons I want to stay. I would like the government to deeply consider letting us stay. What we can provide is more than what community centres and other interest classes can provide. We can attend to others needs and provide them with support and comfort.

If you take away our building, those who call it home will be as good as homeless and empty.

Yours Truly,

Bryan

Grade 8

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~~Dear Mayor~~

Dear Mayor & City Council

My name is Andy, I'm 14, I was born in a Christian family, therefore, I've pretty much spend my entire life so far in this Church Family, also known as a "Second Generation" Christian. I've had experiences in this Church that helped me through my life, the experiences ranges from when I was a baby to a little kid to now as a highschool student. Through stress, sadness, struggles and other physical or mental and even spiritual problems, I find ways to solve the problems through the help of Brothers and Sisters in this Church, they also gave me family love and warmth.

I feel sad and worry for the Church that our Church meeting place is being taken away, but I hope; if possible, that we can be given a Church meeting place, maybe a good one, so we can do God's work, spread love to the community and help the people that needs help. I know for sure that a Church meeting place will help us do even greater work around the world. We are not any other organization that takes money from people, we use all that we can to serve and give back to the people of our community for what they deserve.

There are also many other activities that help me, such as English and Math class, Card games playing time, and sport activities such as basketball and soccer and many other activities. Through these activities, I found relaxation and happiness from the activities. From the academic class, I found help because English is not my first language, therefore, I needed extra help from tutor or other classes to extend my ability to speak and write English, also help in Math although I'm not that bad at Math, but because of my lack of english from before, the word problems in Math were harder, but from these classes, I'm now better in English and Math.

Sincerely with the greatest concern,

Andy

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Grade 9 student at

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Contact Information

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Jan 22, 2017

Dear Mayor and City Council of Vancouver,  
My name is Jeffrey. I am member of  
of Church of God in Vancouver. I enjoy  
the activities like basket ball. I  
feel sad about the Re zoning because  
it very easy to get to 123 by bus.  
live in Burnaby

From Jeffrey

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~~JE~~ JE

~~Jeffrey~~

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Jan. 22, 2017

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am in Gr. 7 and a student in Light and Love Home. I have been in this church for 12 years and in those 12 years, I have been raised up and taken care of by the brothers and sisters in LLH. When the city put out the plan to rezone the area, I was so shocked. I felt like I was losing my home. So I went to the open houses and was even more shocked when I heard that the city would not give us another place to stay after the rezoning. We need a place to stay and continue our services.

Light and Love Home has raised me up from a newborn to a teen. From babysitting to Summer day camps, I really feel that the church has affected me. This church is truly my home. I have made many life long friends here. It has also benefited me in many ways. For example, I can now have activities I can join in the summer that are meaningful and fun at the same time. LLH has really changed my life and made it more meaningful, joyful and more worthwhile.

I really want to stay in this place. I am not writing this as a trick or to say bad things about the city. I truly need this place and I am trying to let you know that there are many of us who consider this place as a home. For 17 years we have been in this location. Please be considerate enough to give us another place to stay or to let us stay here. This is from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely Truman

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I Like to play  
with friends at

123 East six Ave.

Grade 1

Austin 6

Dear Mayor, and City Council

Jan/22/17

I truly do not think its fair for you to rezone our area. This church means a lot to us. Also we have no other "Motive", but to really be able to keep serving the whole community. We want to really show people their true spirit and that we can be a true family. This church has truly done a lot for me, since the day I came here, I felt so welcomed, and truly like I'm part of this family. I have only come to this church last year in the summer. From there I was truly part of the family, I come every Sunday not by force, but by my own will. Why? Well because I know that I have brothers and sisters who care for me, and love me, for me that to me means so much to me, that theres people out there that can accept me for ~~who~~ <sup>(who)</sup> I am. When I was little I only believed there was a god far away that was strong and powerful and died for us. Back then there wasnt any meaning behind it though. I was probably to little to understand. Then during on the years I understood more when I went to this church "Colling wood Baptist church". Still I learned a lot, but when I went to "Light & Love Home", I gained more information and I really understood then. I really dont want this church to ever leave or be made into something else. Theres people who enjoy being here and generally being with these people, so please I beg you let me stay in this family and let us stay here, or give us a new place so we can still serve and let people really know about god, he is caring, humore, and loving. I really want to be able to share about god to people more, so please let us stay. Thank you for reading / listening to the letter / message. Please take my request to your consideration.



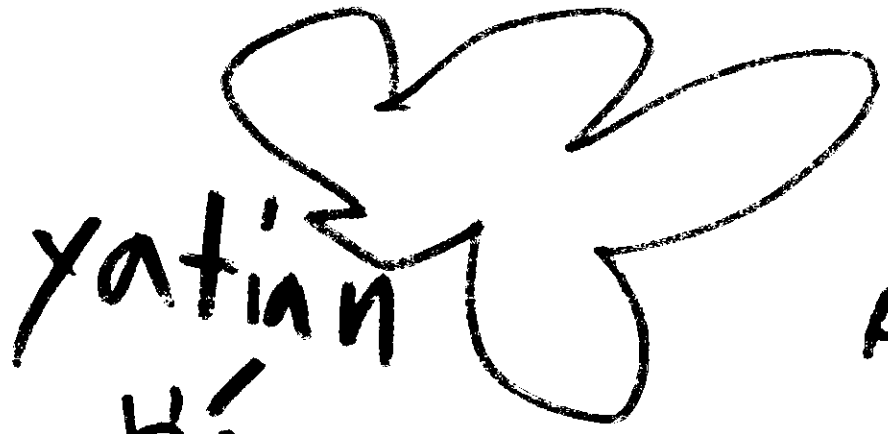
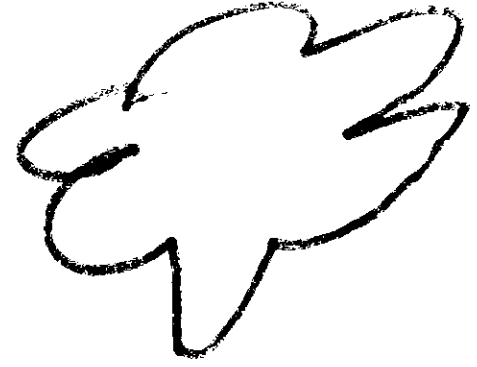
Signed: Tina

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

phone number:

email: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Grade: 7



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Austin

Dewor



Dear Mayor and City Council,

Light and Love Home and the church has benefited me by, thinking more positive thoughts instead of negative thoughts, I also pray to God to help me in problems. I also try to experience God everyday. (Such as, singing to him, reading the bible, and others I can't name.)

Whenever I have a problem, I pray to ~~him~~<sup>God</sup>, for example, ~~if~~<sup>if</sup> I think I'm failing a test, I pray to ~~God~~<sup>him</sup>. And most of the time, I get a good mark! :) (Light and Love Home also makes me happy besides being sad and ~~mad~~<sup>mad</sup> at useless things)

From: Julienna s.22(1) Personal grade 7  
Email: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Jan.22/17

Dear Mayor and City Council of Vancouver, Jan. 22 2017

Hi, my name is ~~Chloe~~ Chloe. I'm in grade 5. When I first found out that this building was going to be rezoned I was very devastated. I do ~~not~~ not want ~~this~~ this building to be rezoned! This building means so much to me! This is where my happy place is! This is where I have fun! This is also where I get to see people and go to events! This is also where I can help the community and I love doing that! PLEASE do not rezone ~~this~~ this building/destroy this building and please let us keep this building!

Sincerely yours,

Chloe

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Dear Mayor + City Council,

When I heard about what you are going to do to Light & Love Home, I felt really upset. I felt that after all of these years of what they've done to help this world, they'll have to stop. They've served the city for such a while. They've changed so many people's lives, from ~~great~~ great ~~unhappiness~~ unhappiness to joyful laughs.

They just want to keep on serving this world and help others. I feel it's not fair for them to have to find a new place to hold their meetings ~~and~~ that is as well as their current home.

They held ~~some~~ so many classes, like a summer day camp, english and math classes. They've done so much to help this community. The english class helped me to use better grammar (if I used improper grammar in this letter, I am ~~truly~~ truly sorry. I'm still working on it).

I wish that if you are going to rezone our area, please save us a place to continue to help serve our ~~our~~ community.

Thank you for taking your time reading this!

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

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Emily  
Grade: 8

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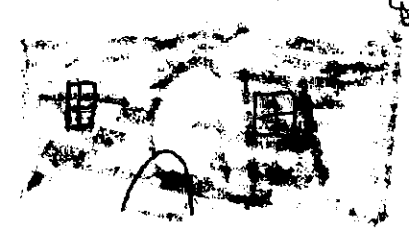
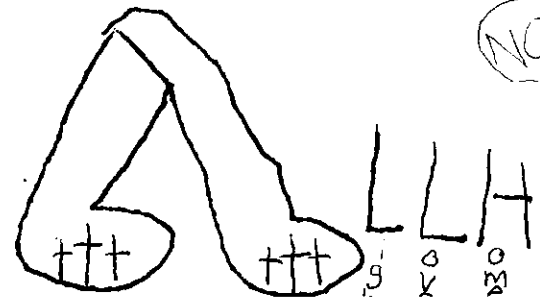
Dear Mayor Robertson and City Councillors, my name is Gladys and I am 9 years old. I feel sad because you are rezoning our church. We go to the Church of God in Vancouver.

- I come here every Wednesday, Friday, and Sundays. (Where would we go?)
- I made a lot of friends here (I might not see them if you rezone our church.)
- I would be really bored.

WHY ARE YOU REZONING OUR CHURCH?



We would have nowhere to go.



To Mayor and Council,

Hi, I am a high school student (Gr. 12) <sup>who</sup> currently study in s.22(1) Personal and Confidential. I am writing this letter in a regard of the rezoning project in the Mount Pleasant Community. Light and Love Home is an organization which seeks for opportunity to contribute to <sup>our</sup> society. We have provided comprehensive education to elementary students through Summer Day Camp and Saturday Tutoring classes. We have also offered volunteer opportunity to high school and ~~post-secondary~~ post-secondary students. Furthermore, Light and Love Home has strong business relationship with the Mount Pleasant Community. ~~For the~~ Please reconsider your decision on the rezoning project. We are ~~proud~~ <sup>proud</sup> to tell you that Light and Love Home has the ability to bring happiness to the ~~Mount Pleasant~~ Community.

Cheers,

Alexis Young

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Jan 22, 2017.

Sun, Jan 22, 2017

Dear Mayor Robertson and City Councillors,  
My name is Erika, I am 10 years old, I feel sad  
and mad because you are Rezoning our church.  
We go to the church of ~~the~~ God in Vancouver

this affects me because I spent ~~most~~ <sup>most</sup> of the time on Sundays and Fridays  
church having fun. ~~and~~ If we ~~move~~ <sup>move</sup> away then I would  
do nothing at home. If we move away then we won't  
see our best friends/friends anymore. 😞

This place is important to me because I have  
good friends here.

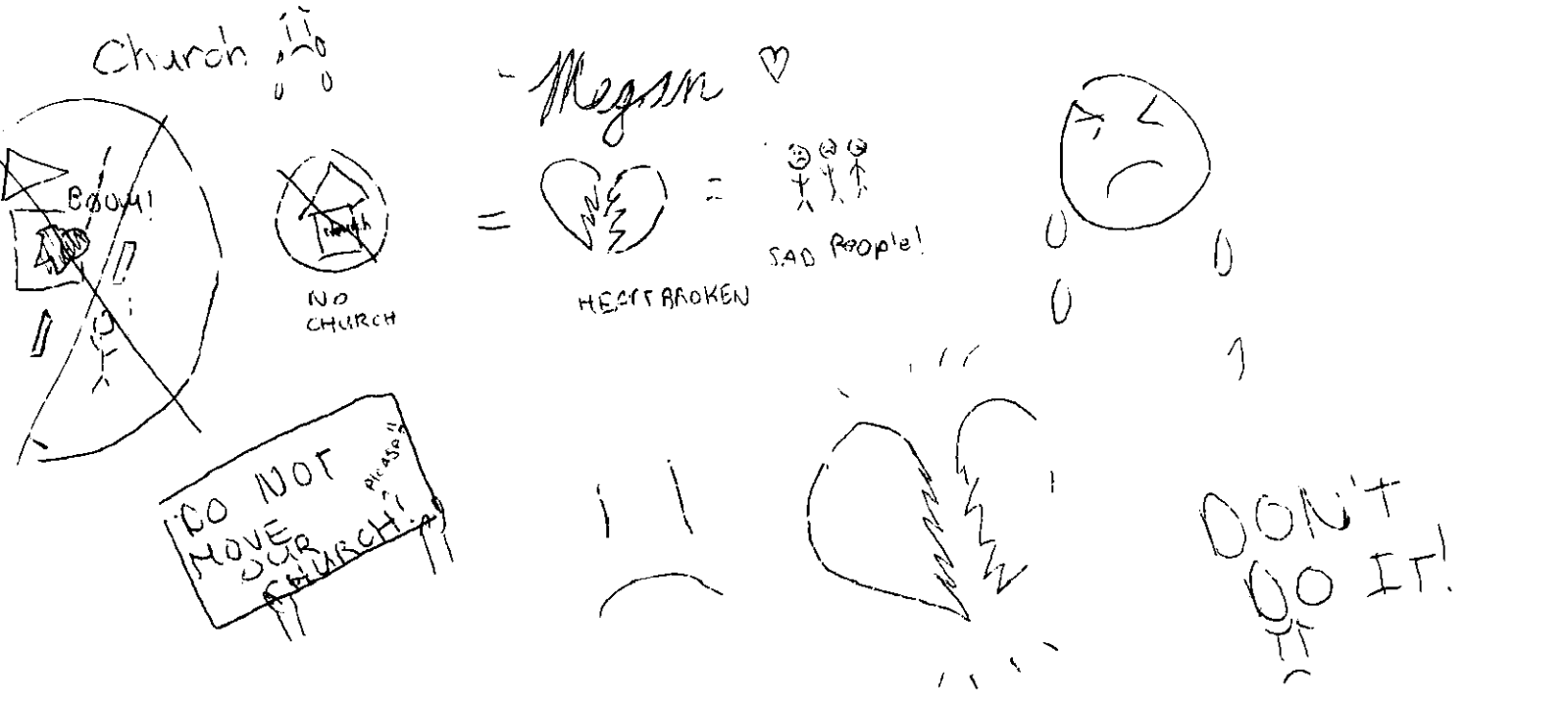
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January 22nd, 2017.

Dear Mayor Robertson and city councillors.

My name <sup>is</sup> Megan and I go to the church of God in Vancouver and feel sad that you are re-zoning that church. I am 9 years old. I spend my sundays & saturdays ~~and~~ at 123. If you re-zone our place, there will be no other place to meet up together and we won't believe in ~~God~~ <sup>God</sup> together. Why are you re-zoning 123? It's basically like you are disrespecting God. I feel bad and it's going to change some lives. (in a bad way) Basically, some people spend literally all their time here. What I'm trying to say is, please do not move that church. There ~~is~~ <sup>are</sup> many things you can do there, and you would feel the same if you went to the Church of God in Vancouver. I beg you, don't move the



Dear Mayor Robertson and city councillors

January 22, 2017

my name is Leanna and I'm 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  year's old. Why are you rezoning the church of ~~the~~ god in vancouver. I fell sad and worry because we have ~~know~~<sup>no</sup> place the go. this place is Inportant to me because we have fun in 123 and I make friends and play game and I don't like it ~~I~~ stay at home with my grandpa.

from: Leanna

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P.S I am in grade 3.

Sarah

123

I like playing in  
Because I like

Playing With Cupcakes Race!

and I can pray too

God. and I feel good in ☺

123 and I want to continue

Oh playing in 123. ☺ and I Do

Not want to loose my friends.

and I feel Sad about

123 because it will be

Knocked down, and I am and I am  
6 years old 1000 a  
del

and I  
Love 123

Please Do not  
Knoc dowe 123.  
Please



Miyo Ko

I am ~~8~~ 6 years old

I like to ~~play~~

Continue Fellowship

and I like to

pray to God and

Jesus.

divid

I like playing at 123

I want to continue  
~~about~~ our fellowship.

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I want to stay at 123 ~~at~~

or I hope we have a  
bigger place for fellowship.

I am 2 years old

I want to continue to pray to God.

We want to continue our activities.

Please let us stay. Or get a bigger place.

I will feel sad. :(

I want to continue our fellowship.

I am in grade 6. Aayla [redacted] I am 6.

From Jason

I like play

I like playing  
lego with my  
~~friends~~ friends at

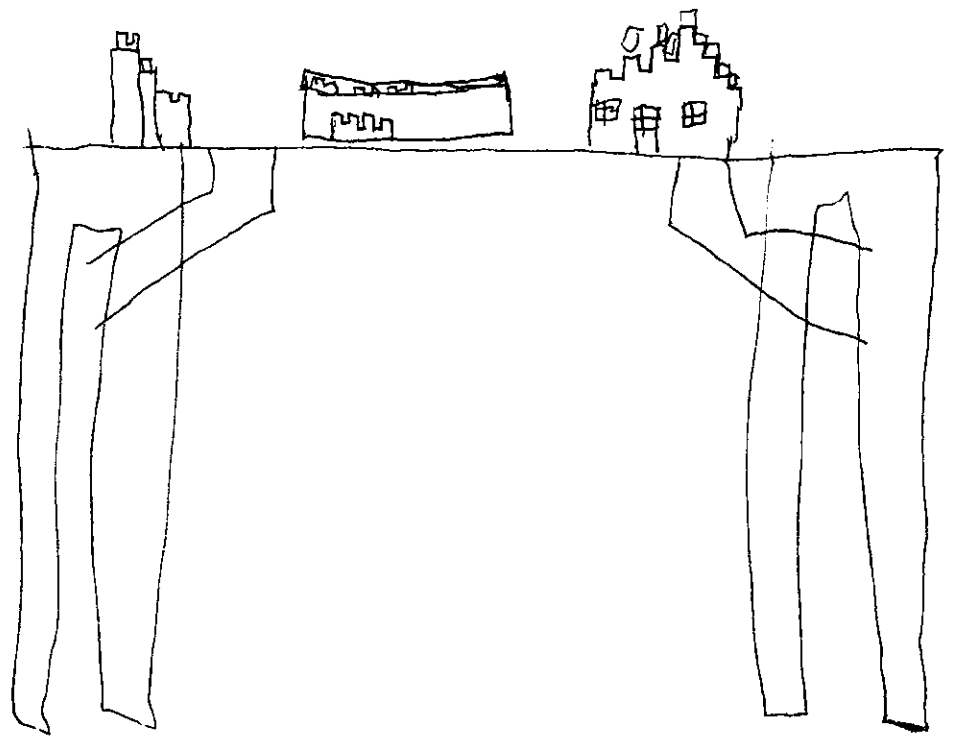
the church

~~but~~ I feel sad

when 1 2 3 is ~~gone~~

gone

I'm 7 yers old





To Mayor and Council

I like to play games  
at church. I feel sad  
because we don't get to know  
about God more.

I want to know more  
about God

I am seven my name is  
Nathaniel I am from  
Canada.

I like to read books.

I like writing a  
letter to the lady.

I like to  
play with  
my friends.

I like to  
play with  
my friends.



I like to play lego  
friends at charch.

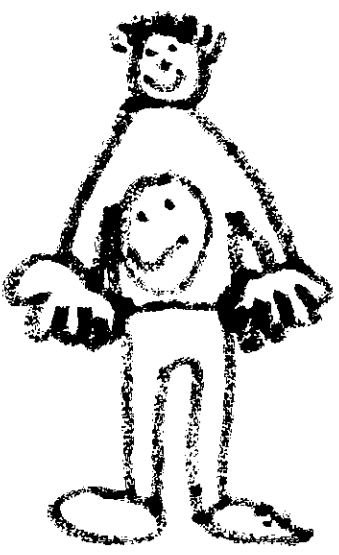
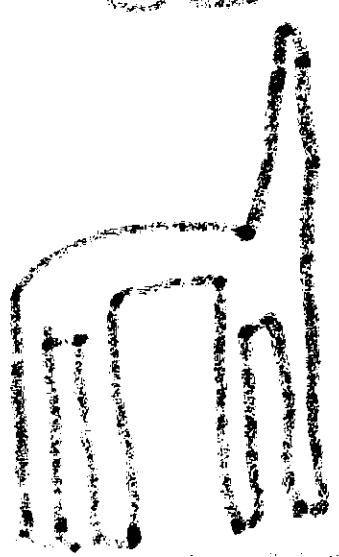
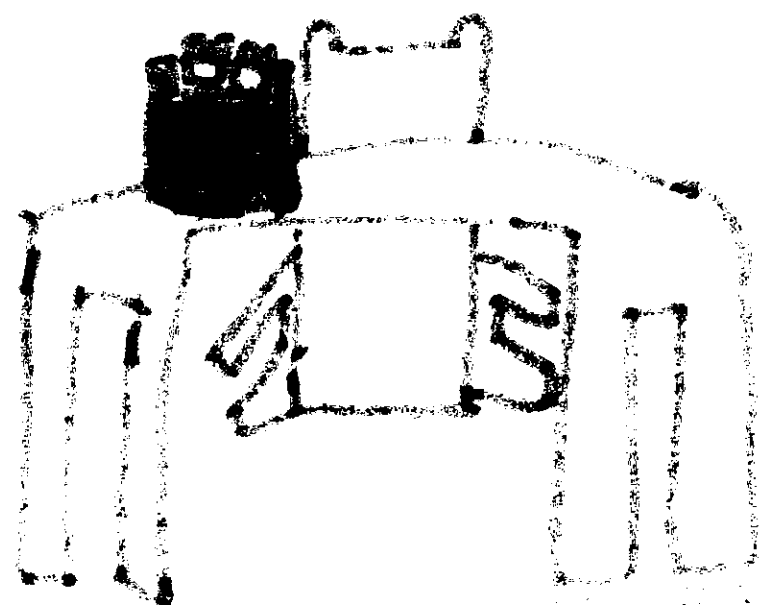
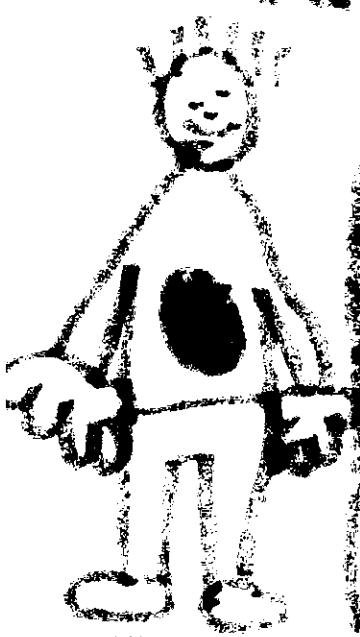
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friend  
friends




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Deron


From: Riccardo Riccardo

January 22, 2017

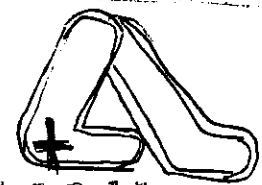


Mr. Gregor Robertson

To the Mayor And City Council of Vancouver



This is Light & Love Home, or, Church of God in Vancouver



LIGHT & LOVE HOME

And This Is the Logo. Has Two Legs with A Cross. I would say it probably means Walk with the Christ

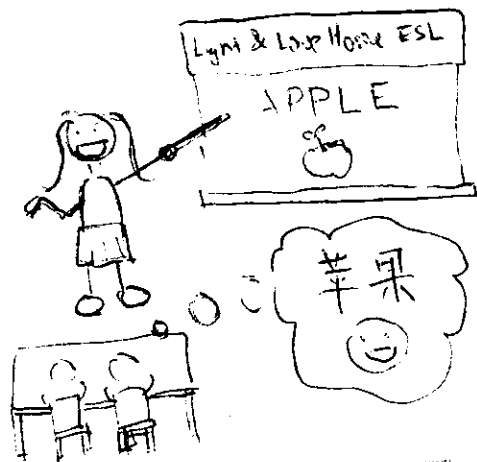


... When Me & My Mom first came to Canada, things were difficult ...

$\boxed{\text{RMB}} \longleftrightarrow \boxed{\text{CAD}}$   
 I came from China, And that time, the currency difference was  $\$1 \text{ CAD} = \$6 \text{ RMB}$  (Chinese Currency) The purchase power was really weak and we always tried to convert to RMB and buy less... (Lots of Chinese immigrants have the same problems contrasted to the believe that Chinese Immigrants Are wealthy

LH ESL  
 class  
 Through Referral, I came to Light & Live Home to study The Low cost ESL class, And get to know/Learn the Canadian Culture

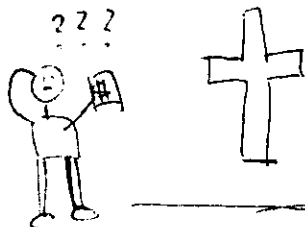




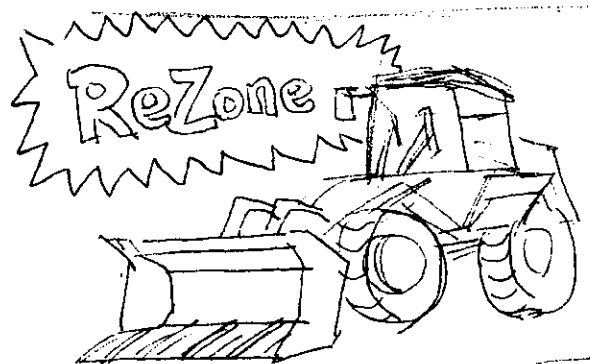
Compare to other educational institutions. Light & Love Home's teachers are non-paid volunteers. They really want to help the student with their heart. They are Christians who help because the Love of Christ. And that, makes BIG Difference.



There are some wealthy churches, but not the case for Light & Love Home and Church of God in Vancouver



Even After I became a Christian, for a long time, I did not know where to donate money to the church. The church almost never ask for offerings, you also have to take a effort to find out where to offer. This is not a bad thing at all, means people here gives a lot without asking back or returns. I think that's probably why the church cannot afford to have a place for meeting



I understand the city needs to rezone. But Light & Love Home and Church of God in Vancouver needs a place to stay. I would like to ask to reconsider the decision or, provide LLH and Church of God in Vancouver a good place to stay and serve the community. It is a precious place in modern world that has so much love & care and it absolutely

JAN 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

City Hall

453 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Vancouver, BC

V5Y 1V4

Re: Mount Pleasant Industrial Area Zoning Changes (East of Quebec St)

Dear Mayor Robertson and Council of the City of Vancouver:

I am currently attending my last year ~~of~~ high school year as a Vancouver student. I was once a student benefited by the Saturday tutor classes organized by Light and Love Home. From onwards, I've been continually receiving support from members of the church.

The amount of effort each and every church members have offered is countless, ~~an~~ impacting numerous people from all age groups through activities such as: senior iPad classes, food giving to the homeless, community clean up and ~~more~~ much more.

Our focus is not solely on generating economic prosperity but on the true value of inner happiness. Light and Love Home has inspired me to take action and in return ~~to~~ dedicate my time to volunteer as well. Relocating of our building will ~~greatly~~ affect our community services, which as a result will also affect the citizens of the community. We wish to receive an alternative for this issue and would greatly appreciate it.

Best Regards,

Came: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

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Dear Mayor Robertson and City Councillors,

Jan 22, 2017  
Sunday

My name is Emma, I am 7 years old.

I feel sad because you are rezoning our church location.

I go to the Church of God in Vancouver. This affects me because I always spend time at church on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We have nowhere else to stay. 😞 😞. I am also affected because if we have no church I cannot see my friends any more. 😞

Why are you rezoning our church?

-Emma

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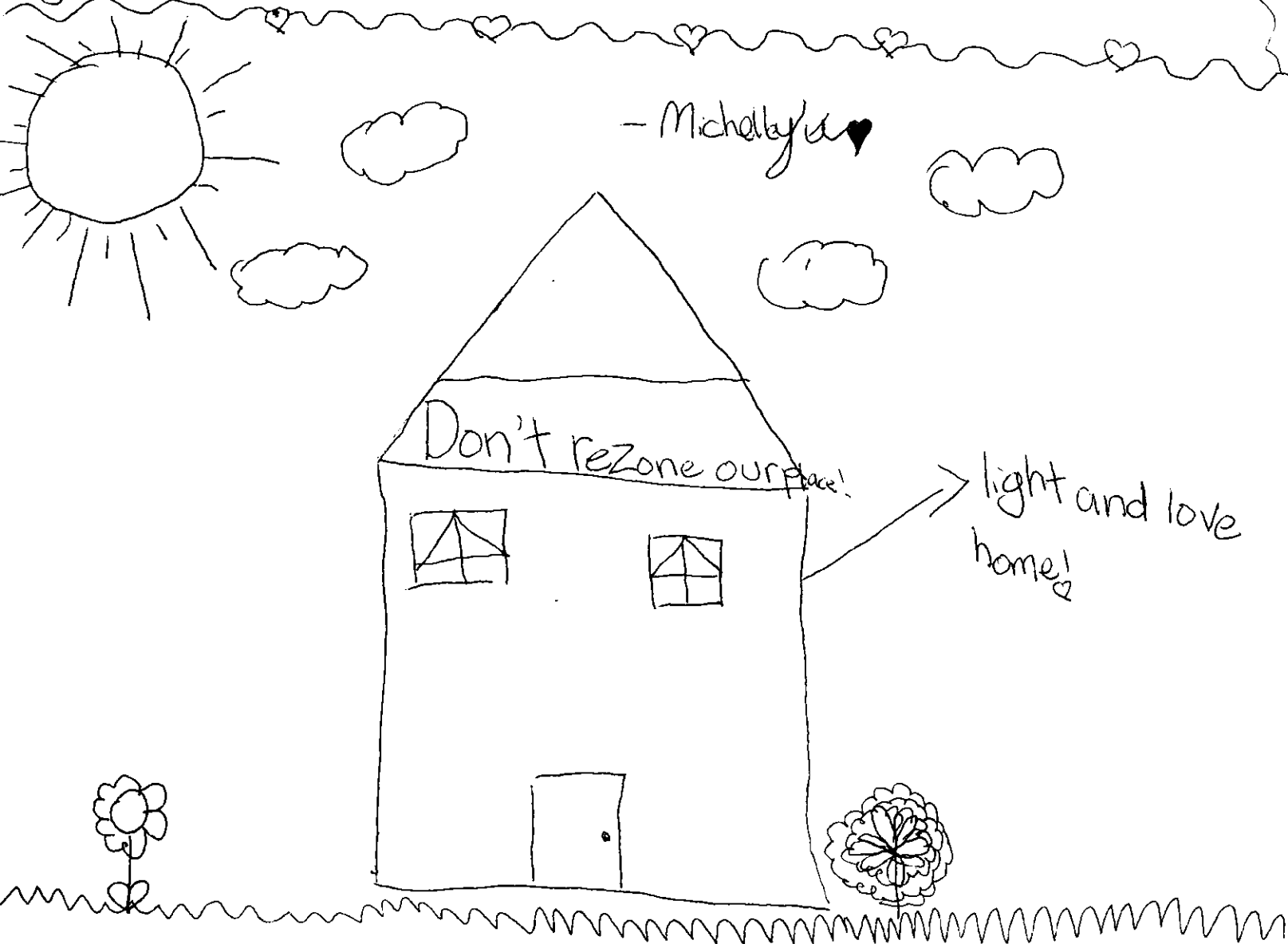


Jan 27, 2017

Dear Mayor Robertson and City Councillors,  
My name is Michelle I'm grade 4. I feel sad  
because you are rezoning our church. This affects  
me because I spend all my Sundays in 123.

Why are you rezoning our place? We have no  
place to go!! I will not see my friends at 123.  
Please don't rezone our church! P.S. I'm 9 1/2  
years old.

- Michelle ♡



Dear Mayor Robertson and City Councillors  
My name is Angela. I am 8 years old. And why  
are you rezoning the Church of God and  
friend and family and everyone here will be  
heart broken. People here like kids like me. I will  
be stuck with my grandpa every Sunday  
at home watching tv and play my ukulele but  
I will miss playing my ukulele here at 123  
and I will have a sad heart. 😞😞💔



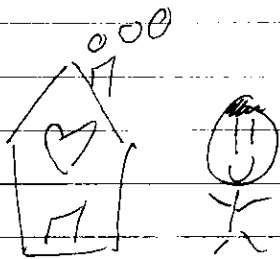
please let us stay or else I won't know

what to do on sundays and

My Dad would lose his job

Because he works at the church

please let us stay ☺☺☺



name Matthew age 9 phone number

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we want to stay,  
because I want go close to  
god. And we are nice.

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Please let us stay or then I  
can't go to church anymore  
and I will have nothing to do  
on Sundays.

~~Mr~~ Name: Brian s.22(1) Personal and Confidential



Dear Mayor & City Council,

I have been attending this church and volunteered for light and love home since I was very young. I have made many memorable experiences, made long lasting friendships, and experienced help from many people spiritually, educationally, and medically.

Most of my closest friends over the years were made at this church. However, over the years we drifted apart, and the only thing binding families, acquaintances, and the great web of friendship in our community is this church and non-profit.

I started volunteering at a very young age of 12, by choice and have continued to do so in the present. Many kids my age are typically playing excessive video games, getting into unhealthy relationships, and studying with no purpose in mind.

However, it was the kindness & selflessness of the people at light and love home that caused me to have a need to show the same generosity and desire to give back to this community.

Over these years, I have seen many joyful faces of seniors, children, families, newly immigrants, and locals who have felt the warmth of God's family in this church. I believe, from experience, that this church, and non-profit organization has only the motive to not only spread the gospel, but to bless the families in this neighborhood. If their motive was possibly for money, fame or any other materialistic goals, they would have given up long time ago. However they are fighting for God, they are fighting to bless this community, they are fighting to continue their services to bless the heart and soul of innocent people.

To hear that our services have been neglected and our building is being rezoned, having no place to later continue our services saddened me. I know that the city wants what's best and has the best intentions for this community. Furthermore, these groups of selfless volunteers have a work to make this community, more pleasant spectators.

I have been helped spiritually to be closer to God and that caused me to be more empathetic towards the needs of other people. I was also educationally supported by the low-cost of tuition for the math and english saturday classes. I have seen my grades drastically change. I am now on academically capable principals list student, currently attending Ideal Mini Schools. Furthermore, as an active boy I encountered many injuries playing sports, but it was the hand of volunteers at light and love home and brothers and sisters at this church that lifted me up and supported me.

I earnestly ask ~~for~~ the Mayor and councilmen of Vancouver to look into the services and people that have been blessed and supported by this church & non-profit. I ask that you allow light and love bring church of God in Vancouver to continue their services & allow them to keep going forward and bless this community of mount pleasants.

Sincerely with the greatest concern,

Wells

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

~~Wells~~ Grade 10 student at

s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

1/22/17

Contact 71  
s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

給溫哥華市長及市議員：

關於Mount Pleasant 區域重建計劃，而其中對我們身處的地址：東六街123號 確有相當大的影響。

從2003年開始到如今2017年我也一直在此參與「溫哥華神的教會」和「光愛中心」的各類形活動。個人方面得到很大幫助，從開始踏入一個新環境要面對的各種不習慣，到後來建立家庭、生活和工作等，我們一家一直經歷教會和中心的幫助。使我們一家除了得着祝福也很樂意把從神和這家的祝福帶給這社區甚至更多身處溫哥華各區的市民。

若這區域重建計劃影響我們的服務，相信使多人心痛或感覺迷失。其中一位90歲溫姓老人家表示若這區沒有了我們，他不知道何去何從，在此代表他向政府各位官員：請你們一定要幫助我們！另一位住在New Westminister 80歲譚姓婆婆多年來也感到孤獨和心感不快樂，直到來到我們當中，她整個人完全改變了，她口中常說：我真的很開心，好幸福！甚至她的兒子也說：媽媽你現在那麼快樂，你多一點去吧！

這些只是眾多得到幫助的市民的一些真實故事，若這個社區沒有了我們，相信真的是一大損失，盼望溫哥華市長及市議員把我們和社區市民的需要放在心上，放在你們的首要工作程序上，重新思想這區的重建問題，有更好的安排，快快給予我們以及社區一個最好最完善的計劃。

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Date: 22 - Jan - 2017

牧溫哥華市長及市議員：

本人一直參與光愛中心舉辦的聚會，  
例如祈禱會、唱詩班等。與一班長者  
定時亦有聚會、查聖經等。此處的弟兄  
姊妹對我們一班長者很有愛心，不時亦  
會有聚餐等。另生活有所寄托，心靈亦有所  
依靠。

當知道政府要收回此區作重建時，真  
的很害怕會失去這個地方。多年來已當  
教會是我們的家。請問失去家園是甚  
麼心情呢？懇請閣下為我們一班長  
者着想，協助光愛中心找一個合適新地  
方，讓我們生活依靠可以繼續。

譚金麗 譚金麗

敬爱的温哥华市长、市议员：

你们好，本人来自中国广州市，对西方国家很不熟悉，语言不通，文化不识，处处不便。自由教会的弟兄姐妹的帮助下，现我从生活各方面都很安稳，很开心。得到神的救世主，教会提供了很多服务。我信了主后，使我生存有了永恒的方向和道路。教会给我提供唱歌、跳舞、运动场所等等。望市府各界领导、议员给我籍贯的教会给予支持和方便，提供一个更好的地方给我们吧！谢谢！

神的儿子 黄伟文 (Raymond)

2017.1.22.

给温哥华市长及议员。

亲爱的市长议员：

你们好。我们是居于123号社区的成员。我们听到了市老托这个社区。我们感到很可惜。因为这个社区对我们带来很多好处。我们在这个社区学到了很多我们学不到的东西。我们在这社区学到了。如英文班给他。我们从中国来对英文不懂。经过在这社区举办的英文班。使我们学到了这些。基本的英文。这样好。帮助我们从不懂学到懂。社区老托去真可惜。

徐宗龙 徐宗龙

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给温哥华市长及议员

当我们听到光管中心要扎的消息. 使我们  
几夜睡不着觉. 因为光管中心帮我们解决  
很多东西. 教会的. 领导. 我们很关心.  
我们有病. 教会的人. 带我们去看病.  
给我们买东西送上门. 帮助我们老人家做  
很多好事. 经常到. 医院. 探病人. 很  
关心. 我们很老. 现在市要扎去光管中  
心. 我们感到可惜. 请市长. 切. 为我们着  
想. 给我们安排一个地方. 给我们. 感谢  
市长开恩.

曾带娣

曾带娣

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致溫哥華市長及市議員：

我在光愛中心做義工已有十年，在這十年，我幫助過新移民的中學生學排活動，了解他們的生  
活，幫助他們適應這裡的生活和投入學習中；我也  
曾在老人院幫助老人家剪頭髮，同他們交談，他們  
都好開心。

當知道政府要收回13東六行的地段重建時，  
我和我的家都好惶恐，我們一家四口每個星期都會  
這里聚會，好朋友聚在一起敲鐘神，彼此得着幫助和  
鼓勵，小孩也有同伴一起成長，他們都在正面和樂  
的環境下成長，我們好像一個大家庭，每個星  
期聚在一起都好開心。

我希望市政府給我們能在原址繼續聚會，服  
務社區，或安排另一些地方，可以給我們繼續服  
務社群，幫助許多家庭和曉，小孩得以健康快  
樂地成長。

名字：周筱娟

簽名：周筱娟

聯絡：

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致温哥华市长及市议员:

当我听到政府说要收回123重建的时候我觉得很伤心。因为这样一来我们就会失去了这个123这个家的温暖和关爱。因为我所言的家人都在中国,在这里生活真的好辛苦,但是自从有了123这个家我觉得我不同了,生活有了明显的目标多了很多的爱,真的不敢想像没了这个家我会变成怎样。如果没了123这个教会,这附近~~需要~~曾经得到帮助的人找不到我们各家的温暖,自从我进了123这个教会直到我的生命都~~有~~改变,我是变得开心了和乐观了,如果不是有这个教会我想我早就自杀死了,多得认识了这班好的姐妹带领我走出了那条低谷,令我重新有活下去的决心,我真的很希望123这个教会可以继续留下可以帮助更多的人,希望政府会聆听我们的说话帮助我们。

Leah Huang

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致 溫哥華市長及市議員：

光愛中心所提供的服務和傳遞的訊息使我們一家四口能全人健康地成長，獲得正確的人生觀和價值觀。是一個充滿愛、關懷和快樂的地方。

若因政府改建規劃，使光愛中心不能再繼續服務，這絕對是溫哥華社區的重大損失。一個健全的社區實在需要有光愛中心這一類的團體，能夠致力推動家庭關愛的信息，使整個社會充滿和諧的氣氛。

希望市政府能慎重考慮光愛中心的訴求，為光愛中心提供一個設備完善和永久性的地方。

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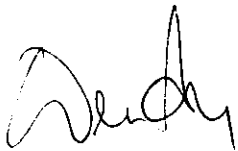


致 溫哥華市長及市議員：

我一家四口都是光愛中心的會員。我感謝光愛中心一直以來為這個社區提供不同類形的服務，讓我和孩子在這裡渡過很多快樂的時光，也認識到很多朋友，互相交流。從參加活動，到參予義工行列，包括探訪長者、社區清潔服務等，我感受自己和孩子的心靈和眼界都開廣了，更懂得去付出、去愛、去關懷社會。

當我知道光愛中心或因溫哥華市政府改變土地用途而面臨終止服務時，我的心情是沉重的，我不願意看見光愛中心倒閉。

我認為這樣一個致力服務社區的團體，絕對有她的存在價值。我懇請市長及各市議員詳細察看光愛中心對社會作出的貢獻，並考慮在原址或附近地區撥地讓光愛中心繼續運作，讓市民受惠。



黃婉儀

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致溫哥華市長和市議員

政府興建社區，即把社區規模更完善，這是很好的事，  
收集合適社區不斷的擴展，現有很多不同的人口入住。  
政府應該投放更多有關的資元在人方面。

我在溫哥華生活 16 年，參與過很多團體活動。先聖中心和溫  
哥華神的教會給我印象最為深刻，幫助我家庭最多。

原因是這群人不只在辦活動，而是以人為本，用愛心關懷  
社區，不單滿足了人在活動的需求，還不斷地提升人自的價值  
意義，並帶動人去關懷社區。

在 2011 年我就是個肝癌病危的病人，睡臥床上整整一個月，但這  
群伴，在我和我家最困難的階段中，不但，照顧了家庭雜務，  
車子接送... 更在心定上的支持、安慰，扶助了我走過人生最大  
難關。

今天我不但參與他們更多的活動，還投入服務在人群中，  
實在已被他們感染了，無私地關懷社區，身邊的憐念。

我實在感謝這群人給我和我家庭的幫助！ 戴峰上

2017 年 1 月 22 日

致温哥华市長和市议员：

我們一家自2009年就已經參加这光愛中心的活動。光愛中心为不同年紀的人提供各種服務和活動。我們一家每星期日的節目就是來參加光愛中心的各類活動。我的小朋友很喜歡和这裡的小朋友一齐玩和学习，而我俩夫婦就喜歡參加这裡的跳舞班，烹飪班和健康講座等等。这裡除了有免費和低收費活動外，也有很多熱心和肯幫助人義工，來到这裡感覺像在一个大家庭，滿有愛和温情。如果沒有了光愛中心，我們真的不知可去那裡。

当知道市政府有意改建这区，而光愛中心也会受影響，心裡十分难过和不捨。因为在这区很难找到一处非牟利又滿有愛的团体為我們提供不同類形的活動，並且照顧我們的心靈需要。当我们知道有公听会和遊行等等的行動時，我們一家都有參加，希望向市政府表達我們的意見，使光愛中心能在原址或安排在附近的地方繼續為我們提供服務。希望一個關心社區，熱心幫助居民的身心靈的团体能繼續存在。

姓名：Connie Wong

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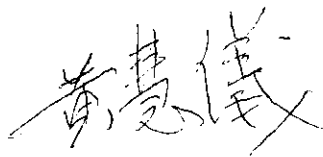
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給溫哥華市長及市議員

光愛中心帶來我很多歡樂，令我忘記了我的病痛。我住進光愛中心，希望繼續多些來參加各樣活動。

希望光愛中心在原址或有更大和合適的地方繼續服務。帶給我和更多人開心快樂。

黃慧儀



Jan 22, 2017

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敬愛的溫哥華社、市議會：

我們夫婦二人均已八十多歲，是愛靈中心  
神的教會的基督徒，多年來我們都熱心地參加教會  
的一切活動，關愛耆老人，關愛青少年的成長，為社  
會公益不其作了許多貢獻，社區民群也非常熱愛我  
們，現在我們之愛靈中心，教會共有三百多人，我們的活  
動，對促進社會的安定，繁榮經濟，作耀身心  
都起很很好的作用，為此我們誠懇地請求  
政府、議會安排如我們現有的舊址，使我們在  
這裡安定地生活、工作，特別是使我們一群耆老  
能在此安度晚年，請求你們竭心努力地給予  
安排解決。謝！市會、議會。

Zhang Gong, Guo  
Guan Wen ya 夫婦。

## 致溫哥華市長及市議員

我家於2008年移民到溫哥華，我們沒有親屬在這兒。由尋找居住地方，搬遷至安定下來，全賴溫哥華神的教會內的弟兄姊妹熱心的幫助。另外，由於當時我的丈夫因工作暫未能來加拿大一起生活，弟兄姊妹亦常為我和一對子女提供及時以幫助如接送及購物等。教會就像一個大家庭，並使我們趕快融入這個社會。

另外，我的女兒及兒子亦有參加光愛中心的活動，他們提供的多元化活動，使我的兒女在學校課程以外，學懂更多，使他們在加拿大健康快樂地成長。亦由於現址的交通便利及接近我的居所，令我安心的讓子女自行乘坐公共交通工具去參加活動。

知道市政府將在教會現址重建，令我頗擔憂。因為教會及光愛中心的服務確能為社區人士帶來很多幫助，像我對我家庭的幫助一樣。盼市政府能讓教會及光愛中心繼續留在現址服務。謝謝你們對此事的關注及幫忙。

姓名: Tammy Hui

電話: s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

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致溫哥華市長及市議員

本人是住在長者屋的獨居長者。自從參加了教會的聚會及光愛中心的活動(如旅行、小組他班)使我懂得更多,令我很開心。而教會的弟兄姊妹及光愛中心的義工的愛心令我很感動。他們樂於助人及真心的關懷,使我感覺很溫暖及有家的感覺。

當知道市政府要在教會及光愛中心現址重建時,令我很擔憂;所以我參加了數次請願活動。盼市政府能明白我們對社區的人的愛及熱心,給我們繼續留在現址服務社區,使更多人得幫助。

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二〇一七年一月廿日

Attn: City of Vancouver. Mayor and Council. of City Vancouver.

雖然知道政府發展溫哥華感到高興，  
但如果忽略弱細社會的福利，相信沒有人想  
知道的。光復中心服務社會多年，影響家庭及老人深  
遠，在身心灵健康發展都有理想成果，如果要失去  
中心活動，相信對政府與社會<sup>有</sup>嚴重損失，希  
望政府有關官員能細心考慮，目的促進社會  
和諧發展更有意義。

Name: VICTOR LI

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敬溫哥華市長及各位市議員：

我很想在此表達光愛中心對我的幫助，希望市政府能讓光愛中心可以繼續在這個社區服務。

我是一名單身母親，在1992年移民溫哥華，一直在这里生活，工作將近20年後，在2013年9月13日，因我當時工作的公司結業，我突然陷於失業，我感到很彷徨和失落，心里充滿擔憂，漸漸地我得了抑鬱症。我曾去過中僑輔導中心，可惜沒得到什麼幫助。幸好，我的舊同事是基督徒，他帶我來到溫哥華神的教會，在這裡我得到很大的支持和幫助。我參加了光愛中心舉辦的興趣班，例如：煮食、運動、跳舞等活動，又參加了光愛中心舉辦的各類健康資訊講座，實在獲益良多，最令我深刻的是這裡義工們的愛心、真誠的關懷和幫助，使我的抑鬱症奇妙地痊癒了，我能重新開心地過生活。

我很感激溫哥華神的教會和光愛中心的幫助，他們確實能幫助到許多家庭，幫助到心靈有需要的人，使我可以有快樂的人生。如果因為土地重新規劃，使他們不能繼續服務這個社區，實在太可惜了！這無疑是許多市民的損失！真希望市政府能明白光愛中心的重要，給予地方上的支持，使他們的服務可以延續，使廣大市民可以受益。

謹此深表謝意！

康淑芬

(Khong Shuk Fun) 2017. 1. 21

我已經來參加光心中光十八年了，從一個人到現在  
一拖二，我一直參與光愛中心的服務，現在我的兩個小  
孩也很受惠，參加了由0歲開始的營養班到6歲的不同運動  
班，我大兒子6歲參加了暑期日營，他學懂 sharing is caring,  
更懂得分配和平衡大小事，培養了分辨是非的能力。  
如果沒有光愛中心，你叫我兒子去那裡找这么好的地方  
他們的工作人員不求自己益處，不自私，讓我感受世界  
充滿愛。

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Kathy Wu

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給 揚歌華市長及市議員。

我於1999年到揚歌華之後，很開心，這個  
光榮中心有很多活動，使我有家的感覺，  
現在知道地方要重建，使我很傷心，如果  
沒有這個地方，就好像很失落，沒有  
跳舞班，長者 iPad 班學習，乒乓球娛樂。  
希望能有好安排，使我們長者有一個好  
的地方作消遣娛樂，我有參加很多免費  
舊班，好開心。

Jiang Li am

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給溫哥華市長及市議員，

教會對我來說就是一個家。

當我聽市政府要重建東6街的時候，  
心中覺得好似無啱個家。教會中的兄弟  
姊妹就好像一家人。所以我希望市政府  
能在原區給我們另一地方可斷續聚會。

Linda S. 楊杏林

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親暹哥華市長及市議員

本人聽到 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. 123 將會配合政府重建計劃時，真的又驚又怕，心情複雜。

當然重建能製造很多就業機會，更能配合社區發展。

但此同時，想到光愛中心及教會一切聚會，又會有怎樣的變化呢？本人自1998年開始，與女兒已參加光愛中心活動及主日崇拜，我們不能失去這個聚會，這已是生活的部份，希望閣下能協助本教會提供另一個合適地點，讓本會能繼續為社區服務。

謝謝！

陳淑嫻  
Susan Chan

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致溫哥華市長、市議員閣下：

本人加入光愛中心有廿多年，其中身受中心的關懷不勝其數。如 i pad 練習班，音樂小組等。分享緒事，令我得益不少；令政府要收回這中心，令我擔憂不少。將來這聯絡位如何？又何去何從？！令我祈求三級政府能協助另一地址以得繼續這神聖的神的使命。為謝！

本人 Mmoi Jui

☎ 電話

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給溫歌華市長及市議員

本人於1995年來加拿大之後就認識  
光復中心和神的教會，  
在光復中心有很多慈善活動，其中適合各  
樣年紀的，其中有長者小組，健康舞、  
Cooking class, 乒乓球，兒童和小孩托護  
免費長者 iPad 班等等很多免費和有益身心  
的活動，使我們很有家的感覺。  
現在特然因為~~重要~~重建位於  
東6街123號的中心地址。  
我們都很~~想~~擔心失去現在的地方之後，  
我們要難有這個~~能~~能夠給我們歡  
樂的地方。

張白梅

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我是一個80歲的長者，信子至耶穌後，我一直返 1236 Ave  
這個地方聚會，就好係我返屋住一樣。如果沒有了這個地方，  
我好係無家可歸。另外我也在這地方“先導中心”參加  
連英文識字班，學了一些英簡單英，和一群會員一起  
學習，非常開心。若沒有這個開心的相聚，我感覺我這  
老人家很失落，沒有地方去，沒有機會識/識這處新朋友。  
我想我老人退化的毛病會加快，相對差遣我政府  
一個負擔。我好想政府能安排地方給我住這  
群老人家。~~林讀青可以~~

SUN HAO LE

電話

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22-01-2017

敬爱的市长,市领导;

我们盼望市政府给我们敬象一个  
安定的家,让我们能在这里学习,生活,  
造福社会,也供我们青少年在这里得  
以健康成长。我们要求政府要<sup>快</sup>申<sup>快</sup>快  
我们搬离此地,妥善地安排<sup>好</sup>我们。

谢谢。

Yan See.

Tel:

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溫哥華市長及議長：

我第一次听到光复中心要搬迁.实在太惊心了.光复中心是  
我们神的家,兄弟姊妹在聚中有各种活动参与.及主给我们的  
爱.字各层祈祷.分享快乐.互洗平安.是我们首要的最好生活  
及平安快乐的祝福.

因此希望市長及議員們关心我们的家.讨论我们选择一个  
交通便利.活动地方比较宽敞的住所.望你们尽一切可能  
给我们一个新家.谢谢.一切拜托了.

祝一切顺利.

長者吳卫敏 今年81岁。

2017.1.22日.

吴卫敏

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给温哥华市长和市议员：  
当我听说市议会收回我们的大家一起  
欢乐的地方我心情很不快乐因为我们  
大家每个星期有好几天都在学电脑学小吉  
它因为我们全家都在儿学英文  
来理发，希望市长给我们找一个好  
的地方供我们大家跳舞的地方

王文科

王文科

电话

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給溫哥華市長及市議員：

我覺得光愛中心對我很重要，自從參加這裏活動，  
例如：cooking class, 跳廣場舞, ipad class, 還有剪髮  
服務，都是免費的。

我很喜歡當中的服務和義工，介紹我女兒帶  
我的孫兒來參加活動，也介紹其他朋友來。  
我自己也來廚房做義工，得着別人幫助，我也  
想出一份力幫助人。

然後又參加溫哥華神的教會聚會，認識神，  
心靈有倚靠，又開心又健康了，在這個大家庭裏  
不再孤單。

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LISA CHAN

Jan 22, 2017

Tel: [REDACTED]

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給溫哥華市長及議員

自2009年開始,我已參加東六街123神的教會聚會  
我在這裏得到很多幫助,我是獨自居住的,在教會中的弟兄姊妹  
來探訪,做翻譯,接送等等,使我生活多了姿采,不再寂寞,我希望  
政府能顧念到我們長者需要,為我們預備一個交通方  
便又近唐人街的地方,一個'家'和'歸屬感'的地方,我希望  
能夠繼續得到這裏的服務,使我能更認識神,知道自己  
的價值和開開心心過有目標的人生.

周惠芬

姓名 Name :

周惠芬

電話 phone :

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给温哥华市长及市议员：你们好，

我是温哥华神的教会基督徒之一，我信了主耶稣之后，心里觉得非常有平安，教会弟兄、姊妹很有爱心，我们有时去老人院探望病人，又去家访探望老人家，非常有意义，我们老人家在教会又有小组他学习，有唱歌跳舞，非常开心，所以我很想留在这个教会地 ~~放~~ 放，继续服务。

胡碧霞

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2017年1月22日



# 给温哥华市议员和市议员

当中听到市政府取回关爱中心服务的  
地方,我很担心我们的年老的妇人失去一  
个好地方给我们跳舞健身,因为有这  
个好地方学习跳舞健身,心情愉快,疾病  
少,无痛,减少政府医疗费用,加深人之间互  
相帮助,关心,使社会有和睦相处,同  
时关爱中心还有小孩补习班,德、智、体  
的辅导,使小孩从小就具有健康成长的  
好心肠。

还有夏威夷吉他学习,使老人先  
生活多姿多彩。

关爱中心服务地方是不能没有,希望  
市长和市议员看顾,爱护,关心,帮助我  
们继续有个好地方给我们,万分  
感谢。

ANNA Wong  
电话

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## 給溫哥華市長及市議員

我是溫哥華神的教會的基督徒“李翠琼”。

我地教會是做神的工作，我地做了很多為社區服務，為貧窮落后的國家做慈善工作并建立教會的工作。我地開展很多服務，如：光愛中心辦很多班，如：青少年學習“英文、數學、補習班、老人家剪髮班、學ipad班、ukulele班，還有翻譯班，幫助老人家報稅服務，使我在这个光愛中心获益良多，如果沒有了這個活動地方，我地真是不知道怎樣，所以申請市政府給予合適地方給我們，万分感謝！

李翠琼 Li Cuiqiong

電話

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To: Mayor & Council of City of Vancouver

當知道政府要在光愛中心原址重建時，心中覺得是社會莫大的損失。

自從2007年由加卡加利移來溫哥華之時，一直在光愛中心作義工。眼着不少的人士如新移民，長者，心身得着幫助，人生也變得精利健康。若光愛中心不能繼續服務，實在令人惋惜。

實在盼望政府能關注光愛中心的訴求，讓我們能原地服務，做福社會。

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陸劍芳

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致溫哥華市長及市議員：

我從亞省搬到溫哥華已4年多，初期得到溫哥華神的教會基督徒真誠熱心的幫助，使我很快溶入這城市。

後來參加了光愛中心義工，主要幫助及安排長者服務。看見很多長者參加了光愛中心活動後，常面帶笑容，開心快樂，感到人老了也可進步和生活有意思。而我作義工付出，也覺得很有意義。

所以希望市長及市議員能考慮我們在這社區無私的供獻，能給與援助，使我們能在這區重建計劃中，有合適的地方，可繼續溫哥華神的教會及光愛中心的服務，幫助不同階層的人。

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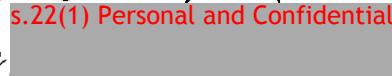
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温哥华市长及市议员:

你们好! 我名叫谭锦英(JIN YING TAN), 我自2000年移民到温哥华, 在这陌生的地方, 不懂英文, 生活不方便, 在我儿子的影响下, 带来我来到 main 6 于 123 号“神的教会”, 在这教会的大家庭里, 为我提供了多方面的帮助。如, 初时我为家庭问题, 心情很差, 影响工作<sup>2</sup>和身体。儿子调皮, 后经该教会同工们的热情帮助, 儿子又好学了, 身体也好, 也正常<sup>2</sup>工作。教会还有假期小朋友的学习, 我们上了年纪的老人家也有学习机会(电脑, 小提琴等), 但由于教会地方有限, 希望市领导根据我教会的实际困难问题, 希望给我教会提供一个较大的地方, 使我教会给我们提供更多的服务。

此致!

姓名  JIN YING TAN  
电话 

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給溫哥華市長及市議員:

你們好, 本人在光愛中心和溫哥華神的教會, 已有18年了, 光愛中心, 就像我的家, 因中心和教會都能幫助我很多, 光愛中心有很多活動我都有參加, 有親子講學, 怎樣同孩子說教, 有健康講座, 因我是個長期病人, 他們又會幫我翻譯, 讀英文, 有其他不清楚的, 不知的事情, 他們都會樂意真心的幫助我。

當我知道要搬遷的時候, 我感覺好像失去了甚麼的, 我怕這個家會沒有了, 我在這裏想懇求市長能幫助我們, 使我們能有一個穩定的地方去繼續學習, 和幫助其他有需要的人, 謝謝你市長先生。

Susan AU

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To: Mayor and Council

市長好，  
各位議員好：

本人是一位年屆七十的長者，多年來在「光愛中心」參加不同的聚會、訓練，及興趣活動，得益不少，這包括身體上與心靈上皆有好處。兼且，因為這些得益，讓我願意付出我的時間，作為義工，回饋社會，如我在「光愛中心」學習了小結他的訓練，現在在社區內多間老人院做義工時，可為長者們彈奏小結他，歡娛他們，讓他們可享受音樂的生活。故此，如「光愛中心」場地有所變動，實是社區、市民一大損失。願市政府可鼎力相助，讓此「光愛中心」能在此社區內繼續服務居民，使不同年齡的居民得益，實乃社區之福，市政府的功績。此致！

盧志明 Frankie

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To = 溫哥華市區及市議員:

在2016年10月2日, 隨著大雨, 我上街請願, 遊行, 不是要反對政府, 有一群自願人士, (包括長者, 成人, 年青人和小朋友), 用和平, 有秩序地將我們的心願向政府表達.

一個在我過去十年, 每星期大概踏足3-4次的地方, 123-6 Ave E, Vancouver.

一個用我全職工作之餘的時間, 去當義工工作之團體 (光榮中心) 向政府要求重建, 對這社區的長者需要幫助, 和仍受幫助, 更有前曾無可估計幫助之人來說, 實在是太大的可惜.

我在2009年從亞省搬到BC省, 無論在天氣, 環境, 我亦不著意.

當我踏足 ~~123~~ 6 Ave E, 123, 這個地方, 慢慢一切都不一樣. 裏面有一群熱心, 有愛心, 有神, 愛人的基督徒, 用愛, 用心去幫助他人.

向這光榮中心這團體, 更提供各式各樣現實生活所需之幫助.

我也是光榮中心其中一個義工, 能交到開辦的一些長者 IPAD 班.


小語他班, 探望長者, 接送他們購買日常生活, 及譯信件類.

眼見來光榮中心 ~~等~~ 接受服務之長者, 再活出新采, 笑容, 再重燃他們人生的價值和意義, 作為義工之我, 也感染這份歡樂.

更積極, 用愛去面對人生, 樂願我所遇之熱心之基督徒,

能練習用愛, 用心, 用行動服務社區的人, 若沒有了我們,

沒有了地方, 實在是社區之大損失.

Anissa Law 

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22-Jan-2017



給溫哥華市長及市議員

我十二年前移民到加拿大，一到步就在東六街 123 的地方參加光愛中心的活動，做義工，幫助別人，自己更快投入溫哥華生活。每星期都來到東六街聚會地方參加教會聚會，教會就好像一個大家庭，~~好~~好高朋每次見到教會弟兄姊妹。

我很希望市政府能在原區另外承租一另聚會地方，我們可以繼續聚會及做社區服務，~~做~~造福人群。

劉克迪

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給溫哥華市長及市議員：

光愛中心給我機會做義工，我曾幫助各類人士：

長者 - 探訪、ipad/computer、ukulele

兒童 - Summer Day Camp

媽媽 Baby - Rising Star Club

婦女 - Cooking Class

透過多年做義工，我更識與人溝通、表達、

更有耐性、學習解決問題、關心別人，好有意義！

幫助別人，也幫到自己。

會員(免費入會)都很喜歡我們的服務(許多免費的)

和義工們，一個介紹一個來參加活動。每個來到都

很開心。

光愛中心有多項各方面的服務，並這麼多的會員，

有老有少。若沒有了地方，怎辦？確實影響非常大

啊！

*Violet Ip*  
VIOLET IP  
Jun 22 2017

敬 溫 哥 華 市 長 及 市 議 員：

代 是 Terence Hon, 我 在 光 愛 中 心 參 與 超 過 十 年 時 間。

從 星 期 六 功 課 輔 導 班, 星 期 日 陪 班 工 作 過 義 工。

在 這 裡 做 義 工 我 十 分 開 心, 見 到 小 朋 友, 家 長, 以 及 長 官 都 得 到 光 愛 中 心 的

幫 助, 也 見 到 一 個 個 家 庭 因 參 與 我 們 活 動 已 得 到 改 變, 家 庭 更 和 諧, 喜 樂,

能 夠 在 這 裡 幫 人, 服 務 社 區 是 我 的 奇 幸, 十 分 欣 望 市 長 與 市 議 員 幫 助

我 們, 接 受 我 們 的 請 求,

Terence Hon 韓 柏 光

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To: Mayor and Council

我十分關心教會聚會地方。我們在 6<sup>th</sup> Ave 多年，有感情及深入之友誼。以今時教會之交通中心，財力及物力並不能買入地方作聚會及急意。如果政府收地方，我們將無依無靠，心靈受損。人無<sup>“信”</sup>條不能生存。若然失去信仰及信心，人並不能存生。請政府考慮延遲收回 6<sup>th</sup> Ave 溫哥華神學教會之充實中心，並安排更理想的地方給與我們長期維持使用。

名字: JOHN CHOW

電話:

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聯絡:

To Mayor and Council

從知道政府地方重建，我的感覺總是希望從民生利益為前題，而不是從利潤金錢為着眼。我所認識知道在 6<sup>th</sup> Ave 的溫哥華神學教會與克魯中心，長久以忠誠、慈惠服務社區，廣為大家歡迎，若然重建而招至影響，亦是社區的大損失。我個人是新移民，到溫 2 年多，深得教會與克魯中心的幫助，我在這裡很快樂，也很感恩。我支持神學教會與克魯中心保留原址作長遠發展及惠民服務，敬請政府大力支持及考慮。

Name: Heidi Wu Shuk Yee

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Email:

致 溫哥華市長及市議員

當初本人收到消息政府重建計劃區域涉及光愛中心地方時候，心裡真的很難過。我來了光愛中心多年，當中所認識的朋友就如自己的家人，這裡就像家一樣，而當中充滿著溫情及愛。我真不想失去光愛中心這個機構。

光愛中心是一間非盈利機構，所提供的服務全是只為了幫助溫哥華市民。我們的服務範圍廣範，例如有簿習班，幫助學生學習，亦有多項興趣班提供給年青及年老的人仕。參與課程的人也喜歡這個機構。如果政府真的收回及重建光愛中心現有的地方，我們就如失去家一樣及再不能提供服務給有需要人事，我深信這個是區內最大損失。

因為光愛中心是非盈利的機構，我們根本沒有足夠資金買地方繼續運作服務，光愛中心的義工及參加課程的人也很多。所需的地方也不細及外間租金亦高昂，懇切政府提供便宜合適地方租用，使一切服務能夠繼續運作。

本人也是光愛中心的義工，這裡所做的的確充滿意義。我也渴望繼續將祝福帶給溫哥華市民。

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Ava Mak

聯絡電話：

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致温哥华市长及市议员:

你们好! 本人得知政府关于光复中心一带的地方重建, 内心深表遗憾!

我们一家于2009年重回温哥华定居时, 由于语言不通, 我们处处碰壁, 生活上非常不方便。后来得知光复中心有成人英文补习班及中、小学生英文、数学补习班, 当时费用全免, 我和儿子一起来到补习英文, 在此我们得到义工们的无偿、热心帮助, 也认识了一班落心充满爱的朋友, 英文得以提升, 自信心增加了, 不再感到孤单寂寞。

2016年9月, 儿子顺利入读SFU, 学习喜欢的专业, 很多谢光复中心对我们一家的帮助, 使我们很快便融入这个新环境。

基于光复中心对社区的贡献, 请考虑保留该中心在原址服务或安排适合的地方让光复中心继续为社区民众服务, 并发扬光大!

Kelly Jiang

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Jan 21, 2017.

Jan. 21, 2017

市政府：市長

市政府：市議員

本人在光榮中心已十四年，

我孩子 Herman 在這兒補習  
班成長，現到 SFU 大學。

本人和孩子也很得益。

所以請市長、市議員留

我們本地。

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Tammy LIU

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市長  
市議員  
(市政府).

本人參加光愛中心已  
十多年. 現我母親和弟弟  
有參加當中活動. 請留本  
址. 或提供新地址.

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Collun Luo

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市長

市議員  
(市政府)

本人先在光愛中心成為會員到做義工  
都接近 17 年。在當中兩個兒子也參加許多  
活動和所辦的星期日營班、課程輔導班。  
而大兒子也成為義工 甚至在大學裡幫忙招募義工。

這最近一個月收到市政府要將這東 6 街 123 號  
的建築物拆掉重新規劃 使我們當中會員都覺得  
無法在這東區快樂山繼續服務幫助許多長者家庭...  
甚至我們訪問附近的鄰舍商家都反應很愕然表示  
影響他們和員工。

在此我 ~~我~~ 真的誠懇期盼為光愛中心在原地比  
有很好的安排 使我們在快樂山能繼續為整個社區  
貢獻 使無論長者、婦女、青年、少年、小孩... 700 多個  
會員能身心健康 成為社區的祝福。

鄭博綜

Cheng Po-Chung

市長  
市議員  
(市政府)

本人方美玉在去年11月聽說政府  
地方重建，我心難過。第一，我沒有子  
女愛中心工作，影響家庭生計。第二，我  
兒子沒有在平易地方補習數學和英文，我  
擔心，有參加 Open House，請政府進行  
表示我中心需要光愛中心服務，這中心  
幫助很多人，我真的很看到這十多人，很多人  
生命改變，傳給別人，幫助社會。

Lenisa Joy

MEI Yuk Lenisa FONG

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Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

致溫哥華市長及全體市議員：

此信是表達本人懇請市府能給予光愛中心可以繼續服務的訴求。

本人自1999年9月移居溫哥華始，隨即參與溫哥華神的教會及光愛中心所舉辦的各類活動，亦初步認識及參與義工的服務，不但有助融入社區，更學會盡己所能回饋社會。

翌年，因愛兒於24週早產，家庭經歷空前困境，既要經常進出醫院，也要克服愛兒在生活上和學習上所面對的種種問題，真可謂身心疲憊！在此期間，幸得教會內和光愛中心的義工們真誠的支持和幫助，使我們的家庭不但在生活上得到支援，心靈上的支持、安慰和鼓勵更是深刻難忘，使我們能勇敢面對未來，充滿光明、充滿愛！再者，這裡的義工們非常重視青少年德智體群各方面的發展，孩子在這充滿愛的環境下成長，不但經歷關懷與愛，也認識到身邊人和世界的需要，視野擴闊了，孩子也學會去愛，去參與慈惠活動。本人也曾參與其它機構的服務，深感光愛中心以及溫哥華神的教會實在與別不同，這裡的義工們真誠的關懷、無私的付出，真真正正能幫助許多家庭從老至少身心靈的需要。

本人深信：只要市府能給予地方上的支持，使光愛中心內一群充滿愛火的義工們可以繼續服務，收效必定顯著，使更多家庭受惠，也使更多人學會關心社會，對整個社區有着莫大裨益！

樂見市府為廣大市民設想，由衷致謝！

市民

Crystal Shuk-Ling Li (李淑玲)

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敬爱的温哥华市长和市议员:

我想表达市政府重新规划土地利用的感受,我是温哥华神的教会的一名成员,光爱中心对我的意义很大,对我来说它不同与其它的教会,这里的人注重心灵上的东西,当我2002年来到温哥华,在这个陌生的城市,光爱中心给了我家的感觉,初来到语言不通,来到这边上ESL班,这里的人总是充满喜乐,真的希望政府可以保留这样的群体,如果非要重新规划这个地方的话,希望政府可以给我们帮助,能够提供合适的地方给我们,让爱光中心,继续为许多人服务。

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Lin Chen

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To: Mayor & Council of City of Vancouver

當知道政府要收回光曼中心現址  
來重建時，政府是需要盡力幫助

光曼中心繼續維持服務的。因

光曼中心對這社區，如廣大社會有  
莫大的貢獻。

在16年前，當我一家帶著3個子女  
一同移民長時，因著子女參加了光曼  
中心的英文補習班，得以很快便  
投入學習，更在身心上，得到華教會  
很多正面的幫助，以致能健康成  
長，成爲回報社會的好市民。

而我本人也在中光義務教  
舞蹈，讓婦女們<sup>可以</sup>表<sub>有</sub>著，有社交及  
-ai Yu Yu

運動的機會。當中不少曾有<sup>老人</sup>病及長期慢性病,也健康起來,減輕政府的醫療負擔。

自從知道政府的重建計劃,本人積極參與<sup>支持</sup>先愛中心的行動。除開放友日,請願,遊行也一一參與,更以個人名義呼<sup>召</sup>曾教過跳舞的學生,22人作網網上簽名或定名簽名,支持先愛中心留原址繼續服務。目的是盼望政府能~~聽~~聽我們的訴求,讓先愛中心能原址服務,培育更多身心健康的人化,服務社會。

LAI, FUN YU

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敬望哥華市長及市議員

我覺得我們光復中心今天苦悶，感受  
極傷痛，不知何言何從，何處是泊宿？  
何處有我們可夢的家？

李錦燕

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致温哥华市长及市议员：

我很感恩自从2007年移民来到温哥华后，我<sup>就</sup>就一直<sup>就</sup>一直在温哥华神的教会聚会，当中的弟兄姊妹让我感受家，他们是我的家人，他们给我在精神、心灵和生活上很大的帮助和支持！我也透过弟兄姊妹认识了关爱中心，参加了当中的ESL班学英语，提升英语水平；关爱中心新移民服务，帮助我翻译、看医生等成为我很大帮助，使我更快适应温哥华的生活。后来我还加入了关爱中心的义工团队，参与当中的<sup>和小孩的</sup>长者服务和教中文班，使我感受人生很有意义和价值，我能透过关爱中心回馈这个社区。

当我听到政府有土地规划重建的计划时，我怀孕5个月，我很担心我们的聚会地方和关爱中心的服务会因搬迁的问题而没有了。这是我聚会了十年的地方，我的家！我本来~~想~~<sup>想望</sup>BB出生后，能够<sup>在她</sup>在这充满爱的大家庭中成长，<sup>带她</sup>参加<sup>地</sup>关爱的Raising Star club的活动。但若关爱中心不能再继续服务，我<sup>们可以</sup>去哪里再

找一个充满爱和熟悉的群体呢？而且光爱中心的服务在这社区中还帮助着许多长者、家庭和年轻人，若不能在厚地或这社区中继续服务，这真是政府和这社区最大的损失！所以我在怀孕期间也参与了 Open House, 请愿和游行的行动，因为我很政府能关心我们的意愿和行动，能接受我们的诉求，在光爱中心和温哥华神的教会能在厚地或这社区继续服务下去！

胡锦涛 Jinhua Hu

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給溫哥華市員及市議員

寫這封信的目的，是希望市政府在考慮整個東云街一帶地區發展上，不但不要忽略，更加要知道光榮中心及溫哥華神的教會對社區所作的貢獻和重要性，否則是把對於這個地區，以及溫哥華並周圍地區很重要的一群人和絕重要的發展視若無睹，帶來嚴重損失。

從1998年年底，市政府把東云街123號的樓房租給溫哥華神的教會開始，直到今天，溫哥華神的教會不但沒有欠過一次租金，也沒有要政府的資助，反而出錢出力，幫助社區上不同方面的需要，我親身體驗我們的工作使許多新移民家庭在許多壓力和不通融中得到幫助，能夠解決家庭問題，很快投入社會，我們所傳講的教導，使許多人奉公守法，帶來社會和諧，有許多年青人不但不會誤入歧途，還成爲義工，幫助許多有需要的人。我們的服務，不同其他

團體，服務過程就沒有關係，反而是就如家人有最遠的接觸和支持，凝聚了大家庭的愛和溫暖、無私的付出。我們在海外的慈善工作，就是因為有這種愛的力量，成為許多孤兒、貧窮人的希望，連各地去營中心及教會都稱讚和學習，影響範圍很廣。

若果市政府在社區的發展計劃中，忽略了這麼重要的一群人和服務，那真是極嚴重的疏忽和損失。我們過往一直是默默耕耘，不為名、不為利，不作宣傳，只想把精力、金錢、時間用於幫助人，所以未必廣泛居別人知道、了解，所以過去多年，我們曾多次與市政府不同的部門表達我們需要地方繼續我們的服務，但都得不到積極的幫助和支持，我們的資源、財政相對於溫哥華地產樓市的大幅度升高，根本不能自量合適的物業，只想市政府能保留我們現有地方或附近地方，但卻置之不理，後來更收到消息這個地方不容我們留下，所以我們有必要讓人知道我們對社區的服務是重要有效和值得保留。

懇請各位議員、政府官員認真考慮社區發展  
中，光榮中心和鴻運華神心教會在這差不多二十年所作  
的貢獻和成效。我相信我們繼續服務社區，  
傳揚真愛，關懷有需要的人，必定會使整個社區充滿  
和諧美好。

祝新年快樂，工作愉快。

此致

姓名：羅湘文

簽名：Lo Shing Man

聯絡：

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22<sup>nd</sup> Jan., 2017

Sometimes I just hold you too caught up  
In me to see I'm holding a fortune

敬溫哥華市長及市議員

Happy

溫哥華市長. 市議員. 你們好!

我是光愛中心的會員, 更在光愛中心為義工起過十年。

Love

當我聽到市政府地方重建問題時, 本人身感遺憾可惜. 我們租該地址時, 因 Mount Pleasant 區、唐人街有許多的窮人, 有需要的人, 故此盼望給予這區一分支持與幫助. 透過開班, 暑期班, 及長假期的班, 不少人受惠, 我們關心人心靈的需要, 渴望能將神的愛, 平安, 喜樂帶到每個家庭中。

Smile

記得有一年, 我任職暑期日營, GI<sup>V</sup>助教, 有一個學生她是 7 歲, 因生長慢, 她的高度才有 4 歲, 我們幫她怎樣獨立, 保護她, 不讓其他同學取笑她, 也將基督的愛傳給她, 讓她懂得怎樣愛她的母親. 在一次見家長中, 該家長提及女兒第一次看著她向她講「Mommy, Jesus Love you, I Love you」該母親流出感激的眼淚, 不斷說感謝, 不要輕看我們在這兒的服務, 我們真的改變一個一個的家庭, 使每個人的人生, 改變這個社區。

Forever

有輯錄

當我與身邊同事提及政府地方重建的問題, 我們要收集簽名, 我有許多同事的孩子也曾經在此受惠, 他們也非常感激光愛中心的廉價服務, 讓他們的孩子在這裡得益良多. 每年也有廉價的暑期日營, 孩子們不用在家打遊戲機, 浪費光陰。

Heart

I swear by the moon  
and the stars in the sky  
I'll be there

在此懇請市長和市議員，請來看一看我們的服務。  
所——在這兒待幫助的人的心聲。也來參加一下我們  
的活動，光愛中心的義工，充滿熱誠、喜樂，勇於面對人生。

*Ufe.*

SZE, LEENA

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I swear by the moon  
and the stars in the sky  
I'll be there

Dear Mayor, Council and City's officers,

I was shocked and felt very upset when I heard about City's rezoning plan for 123 East 6th Ave because I had joined the church meetings and Light & Love Home (LLH)'s programs for about 13 years. We have rented the building for more than 18 years, but we did not receive sufficient notice about City's rezoning plan. I go to this place for gatherings/meetings more than three days a week. This is my home and family. I was disappointed that City ignored our needs and concerns.

My biggest concern is where I can get help and supports from our church & LLH in the future if we can no longer have meetings here. I have received physical helps and mental health supports from our Church & LLH since I first landed in Vancouver and lived in Mount Pleasant area 13 years ago. I got the sense of belonging to Canada due to their services. My second concern is about the community service in the neighborhood especially in the areas of China Town & Mount Pleasant. In the past, LLH organized a lot of programs, events, and meetings for kids, students, workers, adults, families, new immigrants and different interests/ages groups.

If we cannot keep to stay in this location, our members and the residents in the neighborhood are going to miss us and our services because we caused many people to have life changing experiences. They see light and love in this world.

Our Church and LLH are most important to my life. What affect them concerns me. I was frustrated with City's rezoning plan because City did not consider our needs and concerns. These are the reasons motivated me to attend all the City's open houses and rally to City Hall in October and November 2016.

Therefore, I strongly request City of Vancouver to address to the needs of our Church and LLH. We are contributing our time, energy and money to the community services in the neighborhood but City did not support us with providing a good meeting place with sufficient facilities. We strongly recommend City to keep us either in the same place with more facilities or providing a better place in the same neighborhood.

Yours faithfully,

Chara Lee

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Date: Jan 22, 2017.

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The re-zoning of the area is negatively affecting the Light and Love home services. People are unable to join the ESL and computer classes. In addition, there will be not be a place for celebration, activities and family picnics. I do perceive a loss in this cause because there will no longer be a place that is available for learning such as the ESL and computer classes. The Light and Love home also offers programs for new immigrants as well. As a supporter of the Light and Love home, I participated in the rally and open house event. I would like the city to consider the services they provide, to listen to the voices of the members and the community. Also , to grant them a place so they can continue with their services for the community.

Amy Man

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Jan 22, 17

To whom it may concern,

Light and love house did a lot of help to me and even to my whole family, and also help the community here in Vancouver, actually they did a lot of services in the community and they are continue doing it.

Please let us stay to continue doing services and help people here.

Thank you!

Mayra Navarro

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Jan 20, 2017

Dear Sir or Madame:

I have been enjoying the services offered by the Light & Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver since 2002 when I came to Canada as a new immigrant. At that time I was quite lost and lonely as I had neither relatives nor friends to talk to or share my feelings. I also faced great challenges and difficulties in finding a job because I had no local working experience even though I had more than 15 years of working experiences in both of Singapore and China. Loneliness and joblessness caused me feel very depressed. Thank God one of my roommates brought me to attend the free Cantonese classes offered by the Light and Love Home to learn Cantonese which I thought might help improve the chance to get a job. To my great surprise, all the people there are so nice and prayed earnestly for me to find a job besides asking around for job opportunities. I got my first job referred by one of the sisters in the Church. They accompanied me for the job interview. They also helped me for the house moving. What I treasure the most is that I feel at home and have a sense of belonging here. I have found true friendship and true love here. After hearing the news of rezoning this area and we might need to leave this place, I feel very sad. I have enjoyed the activities and other services so much and do not know where we will go. I sincerely hope I can still come to join the activities and services and to have fellowship with brothers and sisters here. I went for the rally not to go against the government's rezoning but to ask the government to consider to help us have a suitable place so we can continue to enjoy the love, the care and the share given by the Light and Love Home and the Church of God in Vancouver. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential or email me at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Yours truly,

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Alice Yan Jiang

I understand that redevelopment is the trend of this age, yet I hope the City can recognize the importance of these non-profit organizations and their community services. If possible, please support and keep their services continuing in the same neighbourhood with affordable rent. With the 0% admin fee guaranteed, their services can be directly received by the people in need.

Thank you for your kind consideration and may God bless this beautiful City of Vancouver.

Sincerely,

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Binghua Lin, CPA, CGA

Monday January 23, 2017

Dear Mayor Robertson and City Councilors,

**Re: FACILITATING GROWTH IN VANCOUVER'S INNOVATION ECONOMY – MOUNT PLEASANT INDUSTRIAL AREA – AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT BY-LAW**

As a volunteer and member of Light and Love Home and The Church of God in Vancouver, I am very disappointed with the City's sudden notification of the re-zoning in this area without first consulting with its residents and tenants. We only found out when the city sent us a letter back in around October/November 2016. I, along with many others, went to the open houses to find out what was happening. After joining both open houses, I felt saddened by the fact that the city already made plans to re-zone the area and we were not given many choices. Staying at our current location seemed to me impossible and I had a sense we would be kicked out at the end of our lease term.

The services provided by both organizations are very valuable and has been of great benefit to myself as well as the people in and around the Mt. Pleasant area for the past 18 years. This is a place where I learn how to love, to care and to share for the people around me, as per the organization's motto and they have rightly fulfilled that in me. I was a volunteer coordinator for Light and Love Home where we helped many youths offer their skills and talents to give back to the community through various volunteering opportunities. Many various services are provided according to the needs of the people from all walks of life, from helping new immigrants to Vancouverites born and bred and from toddlers to seniors, helping them emotionally, physically and spiritually.

I personally do not oppose the city's re-zoning proposal to help the growth of the innovation economy sector, but they should also consider the social aspect of the community as well. As someone who grew up in Vancouver and lived here most of my life, this is home. The city has changed a lot, though we are improving economically but socially I feel we are declining. We are losing good values like close family ties, raising up morally strong next generation, putting trust in one another and being helpful citizens. I feel the City should try to encourage and strengthen these innate values in our society. Making the city beautiful is not just building nice scenic roads and being environmentally responsible, it should also consist of citizens who know how to care for their family and care for their community.

I strongly feel the city needs these organizations to assist and co-work together to help build a strong society. Let us help make Vancouver the Best City to Live in again!

Yours Sincerely,

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## A Letter to the Mayor and the Council of the city of Vancouver

To Whom It May Concern,

I came to Vancouver two years ago to study in UBC. At the first semester, I felt so stressed about my study and often felt depressed about life. I got to know Love your neighbor club (hosted by light and love home) on the club day. When I first came to light and love home, my heart was melted by people' warm hearts and friendly smiles. Step by step, I changed my negative thoughts and became more positive towards life.

When I first heard about the rezoning plan, I was so upset. For me, light and love home is not only a charity community that has been serving the neighborhood, but also the home for many Christians to go to church. The current location is very convenient for everyone as it is the center of Vancouver. If we were rezoned to somewhere not convenient, it's hard to unit people several times a week. Some people may leave because of rezoning. If so, it'll bring about a big loss to the local community and even Vancouver.

I've expressed my opinion in the Open House and a rally to petition for a place for light and love home. I wish that the City could help light and love home to find a place that is convenient for everyone with great facility.

Best,

Cynthia Li

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I am so frustrated when I know that there is rezoning plan affecting our church in #123 on 6th Ave. I have been joining the services in this church since I came to Vancouver in 2000. I can call this church my home. I get lots of support from the friends in the church. We are a group of Christians. We gather to have bible studies, fellowships and meetings every week. This really helps to promote the holistic well-being and give me a healthy lifestyle. It actually helps me to get into the road of recovery from my depression.

Light and Love Home provides many services to the communities and members of the church. They serve the people from young to old.

It is a big loss for sure to me and the community if the Church of God and Light and Love Home has to quit because of the rezoning.

It is sad to see that the City only considers the economic benefits of rezoning, ignoring the fundamental human needs of well being.

I hope that the City can allow us to stay in the current location or grant us a suitable place that we can continue our services.

To support the plea, I attended the Light and Love Home open house. I signed the online petition and got my co-workers to sign to support our petition.

MAVY Chu


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I felt very upset and confused when I first heard of city's decision to rezone 6th avenue. I have been attending the Light and Love home located at 123 E6th Ave for nearly 6 years now. Having this place removed is devastating because it is my second home. Through attending the Light and Love home/church I was able to meet many friends who treated me like part of their family. Furthermore, I was able to gain confidence in communicating with others and make new friends through attending fellowship there. This place has become a very important aspect of my life. I sincerely ask the city to please reconsider re-zoning this area. Not only will Light and Love home continue to be a big asset to this neighbour hood, but also to the community with their outreach for volunteering work.

**Maggie Wong**

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I'm upset to know the rezoning plan involves removing the existing location of The Church of God in Vancouver and Light and Love Home. A place where I grew up and spent many years.

I understand this rezoning may means more investment opportunities for the City but I surely hope the City is not neglecting what people's real needs are : love support and care from people around us and also from the love of God. This is what we provide via our community services and also church meetings.

Should the City decided to remove our meeting; surely hope the City will provide another suitable location where we can continue our service for the community also attend meetings.

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Elsa Chen

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January 24, 2017.

Dear Mayor / Council of City of Vancouver

I am writing to express my concern regarding the rezoning plan at 123 E6th AVE. This plan seems to me that I will be losing my home.

I gained great help from Light and Love Home and the Church.

In 2010, I joined Light and Love Home global service team to volunteer in Fiji. In the trip, I understood how the people in another corner of the world lived. They didn't even have shoes to wear. I helped out with the after school classes for the kids. Back to Vancouver, I continued helping the summer day camp. With other volunteers, I learned & understand how to manage classes. I've found I am so useful and helpful!

In the past, I was so selfish & so jealous to others. I didn't even want to share a writ-out to other people. I wanted to keep everything for myself. However, God and His love changed me. I become motivated and care about others, love to share and contribute to <sup>community</sup>. In 2013, I had high risk complicated pregnancy. During the days while I was staying in the hospital. The whole church prayed for me and my family. The brothers and sisters of the church came visit me and showed their care to me. One sister did even cook for me and my husband almost everyday. Some sisters came sing hymns and prayed with me. God really answered our prayers. HE has strengthened my faith and made the labor & delivery smooth. My son was born full term & healthy. God's and the Church's love deeply touched my heart. I can always rely on God. HE is my best friend! The church is my family!

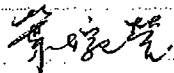
Recently, my son and I have participated the fitness class by Light and Love Home. This helps my family to establish a healthy lifestyle and good exercise habit. I feel so hopeful and I can enjoy life.

I truly request the city let Light and Love Home and the Church to stay at the current location to continue their service, so that I can still have this home. I am not the only one who gained help from them but many in the community are waiting!

Hope the rezoning plan not only bring the increase of economy but let Light and Love Home and Church give the rise of harmony to the community plus positive life-changing impact to many people's lives!

Thank you.

Best regards.



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