

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilors,

I am opposed to the rezoning proposal at 105 Keefer and believe it is time to write you and contribute my voice in opposition with the rest.

As a long time resident of Greater Vancouver I have seen many things in this city come and go. I am speaking up because I do not wish to see one of the city's last cultural jewels disappear under 12 storey developments. We are losing the great parts of our city that help define us as Vancouverites and link us to our past. The constant development and rezoning in this city has seen large parts of Vancouver's rich history replaced with multi-million dollar developments that are mostly still vacant.

Why is it then that one of the main arguments of those who support the proposal is that this development will make a significant impact on the perceived lack of housing supply and affordability. Clearly mass development is not working because many of the completed developments have suites that are still vacant and were more expensive than ever. To sacrifice a site so central and important to our Chinatown would be devastating and disappointing.

Regards,

Jennifer Cai

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From: Bryan s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Public Hearing; Robertson, Gregor; Louie, Raymond; Jang, Kerry; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; Meggs, Geoff; Reimer, Andrea; Deal, Heather; Stevenson, Tim; De Genova, Melissa; Kelley, Gil; Hoese, Karen; Mayor and Council Correspondence; Zeng, Yan; Cheng, Paul
Subject: Letter for 105 Keefer

To Mayor and Council:

I am writing this email because I do not support the Rezoning application at 105 Keefer and 544 Columbia St. I care about the historic area. Culturally strong in character neighbourhood that must be maintained as part of the history and soul of the city...

I am strongly opposed to the proposed development for the reasons listed below:

- The social housing that will give Beedie their additional height and density is funded by taxpayers like me. They are also paying reduced DCL and no CAC. Beedie has not truly provided any community benefits to warrant the rezoning.
- The ground floor retail businesses will unlikely be affordable to seniors.
- This is a critical site in a historic area. It should not be used for market condos.
- The height of this building is too tall relative to the surrounding historic buildings .
- It is more massive and dense than all the buildings next to it.
- It was rejected by the City of Vancouver Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee.
- Approval of this project signals that the City does not value our historic neighbourhood.
- It is inappropriate to build luxury condos next to the memorial statue.
- Culturally sensitive site that should be under built if at all...

I would recommend for the City to convert the site to the following uses instead:

- A plaza
- A space for all ages
- Fine-grain buildings that are broken up on the lot

I do not believe that this rezoning proposal is appropriate for the neighbourhood. Therefore, I urge council and staff to reject this application.

Yours truly,
B. Bailas

Sent from my iPad

Isfeld, Lori

From: Katie Leah s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Public Hearing; Robertson, Gregor; Louie, Raymond; Jang, Kerry; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; Meggs, Geoff; Reimer, Andrea; Deal, Heather; Stevenson, Tim; De Genova, Melissa; Kelley, Gil; Hoese, Karen; Mayor and Council Correspondence; Zeng, Yan; Cheng, Paul
Subject: 105 Keefer St. rezoning application

Mayor and Council:

I am writing to you regarding my disapproval of the 105 Keefer proposal. Growing up, Chinatown played a large part in childhood. This historic area is very important to me. I live in close proximity to Chinatown and spend a fair amount of time visiting vendors in the area. I have fond memories of elementary school field trips to Chinatown to explore its cultural and historical significance. Once again, the development of 105 Keefer is a misstep in the city of Vancouver's duty to protect the heritage and culturally significant areas of Vancouver. Why would you allow it to be developed in a way that does not support the local residents or provide opportunity for local tax paying citizens to enjoy the history and culture of such a unique heritage site. Shame on you Gregor and the Vision team.

I am concerned about the rezoning proposal because of the following:

- Taxpayers should not be funding Beedie's profit. We are funding the social housing that they are using to justify the increase in height and density. They are not paying any CAC and got a discounted DCL. This is not right.
- It will displace low income residents economically.
- The small family businesses that make up Chinatown's character will not be able to survive due to increased taxes.
- Luxury condos are not an appropriate use of this culturally sensitive site.
- The height is greater than the average building next to it.
- The density proposed in this project does not fit the character of Chinatown.
- The City's Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee did not support this project.
- The size of the seniors housing units being offered is disheartening.
- Approving this rezoning will set poor precedent to other rezonings in Chinatown.
- Building luxury condos next to the memorial statue is to dishonour the contributions of our Chinese-Canadian veterans and railway workers who helped build this city and country.
- The number of units suitable for families is dismal.

I would recommend for the City to convert the site to the following uses instead:

- A community centre for the neighbourhood
- A plaza for the community
- A park for the community

In conclusion, this proposal is not good for the neighbourhood. Council should not approve it. Stop putting developers first and citizens last. Your time left in office will decide the legacy that you leave and right now you are leaving a legacy of the destruction of the very essence and culture of Vancouver. Shame on you.

With regards,
Katie Leah

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From: Faye Leung s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:07 PM
To: Public Hearing; Mayor and Council Correspondence; Jang, Kerry; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; Deal, Heather; clrdegenevoa@vancouver.ca; Louie, Raymond; Meggs, Geoff; Reimer, Andrea; Stevenson, Tim; Robertson, Gregor
Cc: 'Rob Fiorvento'; 'Ben Smith'; 'Houtan Rafii'; ryan.beedie@beediegroupp.ca
Subject: 105 Keefer rezoning+ 544 Columbia Streets Vancouver Chinatown 5, 25, 17 from Faye Leung in Los Angeles

Importance: High

*Dear Your Worship Mayor Robertson & Councils; **URGENT** SPEAKER FAYE LEUNG by THIS PRESENTION because I am now in Los Angeles as sons & grandchildren "Honor my birthday" as scheduled speak May 23/17 at Beedie Group's Public Hearing were told computer mixed-up my number unable honor my number to speak*

I, Faye Leung support the Beedie Group's development with my proposed solutions (its what all wants for Chinatown) resolves and overcome the difficulties and problems presently in Chinatown for your rejection of 105 Keefer & 544 Columbia Streets site, which my dear husband Dean Chun Kwong Leung and I've owned this site and buildings. We demolished the buildings for our approved housings and commercial with the 1st pub in Chinatown developments in 1980s of a 29 storey tower, then 29% interest rate from 7% made economic unfeasible. Thus heirs of Yip whom we sold to were not allow to sell for decades till sold to Beedie Groups for their development before you.

I know full history and was involved within the buildings were on this site as its as "the People's Heritage" of who's who of the Chinese Pioneers and its activities and operations & managements and businesses and artistic performances as it happened inside and outside here from "before City of Vancouver incorporate as a City" My parents & since I was child has participated, involved, known all of the Chinese Pioneers in this SRO/Housings was the one and only total Housings Building in Chinatown for the Chinese Pioneers (see my presentation sent (City Clerks had circulated) to all of you for May 23/17 Public Hearing) My knowledge, experience deeply heartfelt in Chinatown from my childhood to date and its surrounding areas to this "day and age" sadly City caused Chinatown going, going gone forever, is the reason loudly yell to you reject Beedie's development at the aforesaid site.

Thus, I have the solution resolved all the rejection's problems by I will work together with Beedie enhanced and enrich Chinatown & the Chinese Pioneers, and for all the Chinese, and City, Province & Canada as a whole in my ways: to Ryan Beedie & Executives work with as I've proposed solutions, which its 'what the 200 plus registered speakers hollowing with ten of thousands signatures reject Beedie's development at this site! My proposal to Beedie's Group as I've done "Honor & Commemorate Chinese Pioneers/forefathers' lifetime hard long hours

toiled built, sustain & maintain Chinatown as our secured living and Community, especially we've all harshly suffered lawful discrimination not allow Chinese lives outside Chinatown!! The Community has given you loud message you must reject Beedie's development of a box glass building kill Chinatown that does not honor our forefathers built our famous Chinatown and its and by you & your staffs eroded Chinatown, which all wants SAVE CHINATOWN and Honor our Chinese pioneers!!!

So I have a solution by: this development be part of Chinatown by blend the "new & old" and as complimentary to the surrounding area with enhancement and enriched by this development as "COMMEMORATE HONOR CHINESE PIONEERS." The project Building NAME AS: **"CHINESE PIONEER LANDMARK COMMEMORATE BUILDING"** with **space for the historical stories of this site and within its buildings' stories, I've aforementioned I'll be happy to work with Beedie and I will release my trove of treasures and stories of this property and buildings of the Chinese Pioneers** and of the Chinese traditional functions, events held includes LARGE stages and Pagoda built in celebration WWII~VJ War End Victory on August 5, 1945, Vancouver 1936 Golden Jubilee my father Leong Chap Kwong was Chairman, and for Prime Minister Pearson's speeches my husband Dean Chun Kwong official speakers for the Prime Ministers amongst others were at this Chinatown site as the Chinese historical heritage is part & parcel of Canada Historical Cultural Heritage and of the City and B.C. too!!

This will resolves of all wants; is to save Chinatown and honor the forefathers/Chinese Pioneers, which I'll do for them by my willingly together work with Beedie to incorporate, beside as aforesaid, to includes Chinese décor, characters, and colorful Chinese traditional symbolic of "Good Fortune, Health, Happiness" as Chinese Adage: **"Chinese & Caucasians together Blissing/"Chung Sai Hub Bick" is beautiful symbol by this new as was old Housings Building. Especially was the only Chinese Housings for the Chinese Pioneers, that without they would have being homeless, as none other then were available for the Chinese Pioneers. As Leong Yin Lim famed carpenter made our childhood cabinets & I took his 1955 built stool for me as proven as a valued treasures, to show you on May 23 at the public hearing when I was supposed to speak, Eng Shew famous only Chinese bungle player for weddings, funerals and functions amongst others they've all lived at 544 Columbia for decades till gone to heaven, without this Chinese Pioneers Housing Building they've have nowhere to live and some families also lived there as the Wongs & Chows!!**

I approve and support Beedie's development with as I've proposed as I've stated above be incorporate and named as IN HONOR AND COMMEMORATE THE CHINESE PIONEERS and the Chinese, IS AS ALL THE SPEAKERS & SILENT MAJORITIES WANTS IS TO HONOR FOREFATHERS and Chinatown and City too with as aforesaid and named AS: "THE CHINESE PIONEER LANDMARK COMMEMORATE BUILDING" with space of its historical stories, and add enhancement as its part of in heart of Chinatown.

I ASK YOUR WORSHIP & COUNCIL APPROVAL ON the condition of AS AFORSAID CONDITION IS IMPORTANT RESOLUTION & OVERCOME ALL THE PROBLEMS & DIFFICULTIES AS IT IS TO CHINATOWN & CITY crying SAVE CHINATOWN and

PRESERVE CHINATOWN HERITAGE & STORIES IT IS OUR Chinatown of my people's heritage is part of Vancouver historical cultural heritage be preserved for posterity (See Jim Wong Chu introduce & reference Faye Leung trailblazer's storytelling 3 books (has c.c. you) & videos of 1881-2017 stories of we're part of Canada 150 Anniversary we honor) "WHERE WE COME FROM~WHO ARE WE"

Thanks zillions huge appreciate your thoughtful consideration of my proposed SAVE CHINATOWN WITH BEEDIE DEVELOPMENT BE AS PART of enriched and enhanced CHINATOWN by I'VE STATED ABOVE SOLUTIONS for APPROVAL PROUDLY TOGETHER BLEND THE 'OLD & NEW' in Chinatown as I've done when I've 1970 built Mandarin Trade Centre largest Chinatown commercial complex were replica of the Imperial Palace décor symbolic of traditional Chinese architecture Chinatown & people of all Nationalities richly loved! All the Chinese and Chinatown wants as loudly spoken at this Public Hearings & the silent majorities is exactly as I've presented to you and Beedie's Group of as aforementioned and in "my brief in details and photos" I've presented/circulated to you on May 23/17 for this Beedie' Group Public Hearing.

God Bless All of You & Yours, Cheerily Jolly Best Wishes!!

God Bless Healthy Richly Success With Good Fortune

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Dean & Faye Leung Health & Education Foundation...est: 1988 non profit

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Isfeld, Lori

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 6:59 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: 105 Keefer+544 Columbia Photos: Chinese Pioneers Enriched Canada+Province+City+Chinatown prosperous today status quo:

Importance: High

From: Faye Leung s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:52 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: 105 Keefer+544 Columbia Photos: Chinese Pioneers Enriched Canada+Province+City+Chinatown prosperous today status quo:
Importance: High

Chinese Pioneers Enriched Canada, Province, City & Chinatown prosperous today status quo:
Canadian Chinese Where We Come From: Who we are:--
Chinese Canadians Men & Women served in World War II ~ Gallant Veterans Soldiers, Navy, Airforce units march home in Victory photos:
Photos ~ WWII V*J Victory Parade August 5, 1945 World War II ended: **Faye Leung's father Leong Chap Kwong** Chairman {seated center} surrounded Chinese pioneers (I identify below) & World War II Airforce, Navy, Military Generals: FYI at 544 Columbia & 105-117 Keefer St Vancouver Chinatown Historic Site with Historic Heritage Stories by Faye Leung

To Mayor Robertson and Members of City Council, May 21, 2017
City of Vancouver, 453 West 12th Ave,

**Re: Beedie Development in Chinatown at 105 Keefer & 544 Columbia Streets;
City Public Hearing, May 23, 2017**

I am aghast of the cultural insensitivity of the Beedie Group to design a glass condo tower that is superbly designed to fit into the beautiful Yuppie community of Yaletown, yet it is absolutely appropriate to blend into the unique cultural and architectural heritage of Chinatown. A facade should more harmonious with the architectural heritage of Chinatown. Your job as Mayor and Councillors of Vancouver is to preserve and protect the most unique Chinatown in North American, not to destroy its unique charm and history. Approving the present Beedie application which I approve on the condition I set below, without would be like inserting a Tim Horton's franchise in the middle of Rideau Hall's dining room in order to give the guests of the Governor General a flavor of Canada.

The Beedie Group has the right idea. My husband Dean Chun Kwong Leung and I were the former owners of this site and its buildings for many years. Mayor Volrich and his Council Members approved our proposal for a 29 storey residential and commercial building as housing for Chinatown's citizens was and still is desperately needed. We've demolished the buildings ready to develop in 1980s (see architect's renderings in www.fayeleung.com; which was presented to Your Worship & Council during the Westbank and Bosa Rezone Public Hearing on Main & Keefer Streets, where my husband Dean & I built Chinatown largest commercial complex in 1970 the Mandarin Trade Centre after, we've expanded Chinatown commercial area from Pender to Prior Streets). However, interest rates in 1983 rose to 29% economic unfeasible to develop. We sold to Rickshaw Drive-in owner Yip who stipulated his heirs should not sell, so my Pender Realty & Insurance

Agencies business were to my brother Ken Leong, Oceanridge Realty (across street on Columbia from Beedie now own site) managed this property for Yip as a parking lot until it was sold to Beedie

This site was a rich center of Chinatown culture with historic stories of the people's heritage stories I've known since a young child that is an important part & parcel of Canada Historical Cultural Heritage stories must be preserved perpetually for posterity. Which I'm prepare to work together with Beedie Group to achieve this site development as part of Heritage Chinatown with Chinese character and the historic stories incorporate into this new building compliment part of the surrounding area in the heart of Chinatown.

I approve Beedie's project on the condition that Beedie Group work together to intertwine as part of Chinatown "blend the modern with the old" Chinese Adage: "Chung Sai Hup Bick"/Chinese & Caucasians together blissfully" in Honor the Chinese Pioneers especially 544 Columbia was the original (then was the only Chinese Pioneers Housing Building in Chinatown) building built for the Chinese Pioneers Housing Building. I recommend "Honor and Commemorate Chinese pioneers by naming the building "The Chinese Pioneer Landmark Building".

It housed the famous Cantonese Opera House and the Mandarin Night Club for many years. Many Chinese Pioneers lived in the 544 Columbia and 107-117 Keefer Streets (105 Keefer was the Lee's Brothers Garage) buildings till they went to Heaven. My father Chap Kwong Leong and my husband Dean C.K. Leong gave their eulogies and 98% of the memorial plaques on their gravesites were handwritten by my father or my husband's master calligraphers. My husband Dean & our sons with me pay our respects at their gravesites on Chingming/Chinese Easter. Dean's grandfather buried in Oceanview Cemetery in 1944...(Note: Canada and B.C. wrongdoings discriminations to the Chinese in "life & death" that in Oceanview Cemetery then were only allow a very small section/Willow Section for only the Chinese & Blacks burial, also prominent Chinese Pioneer Mr. Cumyow is buried!! B.C. Government May 15, 2015 officially in legislature apologize wrongdoings to the Chinese British Columbians.

Chinatown needs to honor its pioneers and this Beedie building is in an ideal position to do so. I, Faye Leung, am willing to work with the Beedie Group in order to make it a proud Chinatown Landmark Building. I suggest in recommendation of this proposal by have Beedie add the historic heritage in make this development its history stories alive!

I am concerned that the City of Vancouver is presently ruining Chinatown by erasing Chinatown's unique heritage without any meaningful input from its (&/or ignore) Chinese citizens. The City Council should respect Chinatown already designated as a National Heritage Site like Gastown or Fort Langley or a World Heritage Site like Quebec City or Old Town Lunenburg – rather than allowing it to transform into a Yuppie Yaletown. For more details, please do not hesitate to telephone or email me...Thanks zillions.

"Faye & Dean Leung "Honor:-Commemorate Chinatown Original Historic Housings Building"~ 1st totally Chinese Pioneers Men's Home" as since before City of Vancouver incorporated as a City ~ Canada 1923 Exclusion Act restricted NO Chinese allow to Canada includes wives & children of the Chinese Pioneers sad discrimination drama of Governments Wrongdoings to the Chinese.

True Historical Site Stories & witness, involved, owned, managed by Faye Leung 544 Columbia & 105-107-109-117 Keefer Streets Vancouver Chinatown

- Chinese Pioneers Housings, Cantonese Chinese Opera House, Nightclub, Apartments & Commercial Stores at 107-117 Keefer St...
- **Honor Chinese Pioneers is part of in Canada 150 Anniversary ...by Beedie's development as aforesaid, I & Dean had originally prepared in our develop this site as a "Commemorate Tower" as a Landmark in heart of Chinatown with Chinese Décor & Chinese Colors and Characters proudly celebrate Chinese Cultural Heritage as part & parcel Canada Historical Cultural Heritage Building, a "Beauty" as proven was its first real Chinatown Housing for the Chinese Pioneers' Men's Home, the original was totally a Chinese Pioneers' Home 3/Floors Building, no commercial on the ground floor. If this is not 544 Columbia's Chinese Pioneers'**

Housing/homes, they would be homeless with nowhere to go, as the lawful Canada discrimination against all Chinese were not allowed lives outside of Chinatown!!...

I asked: enhance this present rezoning proposal be approved with the condition as aforesaid in Chinese décor favors as a "Commemorate Building", with space allocated for the historical stories of this building/site from the beginning (stories never told, never written, as nobody is alive knows, nor totally understood, (includes stories of Vancouver and of City Hall and British Columbia etc) as all those immigrants are only from after May 12, 1947 won enfranchisement, that I'm able to tell as known (Quote Dr. Sunshine; "you're/Faye the last witness is obligate to print your/Faye's stories otherwise a generation is lost...unquote.Dec. 2, 2016 Dr. Stanley Sunshine concern Faye Leung 3 Storytelling Books & oral documentary delayed...)

This Beedie Development is appropriate to commemorate honor the Chinese Pioneers and All the Chinese, Chinatown, Vancouver, Province & Canada as a whole, which will love this development on the condition as I've aforementioned. Presently so many from all facets against this Beedie Development ruin Chinatown with a box building...Whereas add glorious features elegantly part of, (should be approved) to incorporate into this development that I will ask for Beedie's cooperation and commitment.

That then will gives Chinatown and all the commotions of you/the City and Beedie ruin Chinatown by allow build another box (glass) building as bombarded against Beedie development be rejected by Mayor & Council. That as I cooperate with this as herein stated, no more as alleged a eyesore as presently is not Chinatown. My way resolves oppose Beedie development as all wants faithfully loyally preserve perpetually for posterity a very FAMOUS ORIGINAL CHINATOWN. It's the ONLY REAL GATEWAY TO & FROM THE ORIENT since the begin of time in Canada between the Far East and Canada!!

Respectfully to all here tonight or on another evening as speakers against or for & the silent majority {as former City Health Inspector Yonge Wong (here supportive of me) brought a condo in of my built Mandarin Trade Centre site at 188 Keefer & 601 Main Street corner for "a little of History" also Notary Public Susan Tong} and my admirable wonderful team is here support me of as I'm presenting to you, this Beedie's Chinatown Project, as expressed from all they're interested "genuinely wants to preserve Chinatown" as its already declared as a National Heritage Site, be continued appreciate our Chinese forefathers/pioneers' hard long toiled built Chinatown for us generations' better life. As suffered harsh lawful discrimination, restrictions, taboos, and in this City too restricted Chinese residency, employments, educations, businesses among many, many others. They've built Chinatown enable they and we Chinese has a secured community/area/place to live safely, as we were denied throughout other area to live in this City...includes Caucasians landlords had denied lease/rent to Chinese which I've fought for business owners of leases. (another story another day)

"Our Chinatown:" established businesses, functions, events, Chinese Public Schools that the Canadian/English Schools denied Chinese students because is Chinese, as my mother & siblings et al were English illiterate! And the Chinese pioneers proudly with integrity made possible in Chinatown for us Chinese have the necessities of our daily living needs for survival! And they've enhanced and enriched City, Provinces & Canada as a whole be happily enjoying after we've battled a century+plus discriminated, denied generations losses in education etc to poverty!

From suffers: "to better and hopes" of us generations continued honor our Chinatown that they've given us secured living in atop commercial buildings in "Our Chinatown" 'our home' and our activities in Chinatown, and our Chinese boys/young men then still not recognize as Canadian Chinese still fought in WWII 'blood, sweats, tears' won victory {photo herein below & attachments} !! I've proudly fought for equalities with them...as the veterans has given us Chinese/Asians freedom, privileges, prestige, generations forever enjoys. That its my, younger, and future generations' obligations to 'watch-over' "Our Chinatown", not be ruined and gone, as its on its way going, going, gone caused by the City, City Council & staffs authorized developers build boxes buildings without character nor care of Chinese Heritage and Historical Chinatown: "Where we come from; Who we are"!

Our Chinese Pioneers and the folks present here and the majority silent Chinese wishes not to 'wipe-out' Chinatown as you're/City on the way of doing so. This reason this Beedie's project should be the new 'landmark' in the heart of Chinatown entwin into the surrounding area as a "Commemorate Tower" with Chinese characters, colors, decors added with historic stories Honor: Chinese Pioneers, and for the knowledge of the present and future generations of this important heritage site modernly built combine both the original historic importance into new development with purpose as Honor -Commemorate Chinese Pioneers and all Chinese and Chinatown embedded as aforesaid. Also as aspirations to the youths in appreciation the greatness of the Chinese Pioneers' sacrificed and toiled for us as: ~ "Where we come from~ who are we" ~ made possible difference in lovingly "Our Chinatown, Our City, Our Canada!!"

I'm 3rd generations born & raised in Chinatowns, lived, educated in both Canadian/English, Strathcona School, and Chinese Schools, play, worked, social, activities, in businesses (still is via my siblings) and Communities welfare ~ I did 'made a positive difference' (see my introduction letter and reference by historian, author, & poet Jim Wong Chu of February 10, 2017 {attached} FYI)

I strongly advise respectfully Your Worship Mayor Robertson and Councils and staffs' consideration of approval of Beedie's project on the conditions to honor Chinatown and Chinese Pioneers past and present and its historical importance of this site was the ORIGINAL IMPORTANT SITE AS IT IS TODAY; as in front of 544 Columbia & 105 Keefer Streets erected the most stages, Pagoda etc for the historical important events host by Chinatown and its Chinese Pioneers of the historical events they've done can continued combined as aforementioned and the surroundings will enhance Chinatown as the true landmark heart of Chinatown as were as follows:

- **1. Vancouver Golden Jubilee 1936 Chinatown/Chinese Honor Celebration by built and imported the traditional Pagoda, Archways, Stages inside and outside of 544 Columbia Street, with all the Chinese Dynasty traditional customs in honor with silks and glamour of thousands years ago Props, Artistic Performers, Famous Authentic Chinese Operas, etc. etc. from China to Vancouver celebrate City's Golden Jubilee in 1936, Which my father Leong Chap Kwong was co-chairman with Peter Hem leaders had done as above stated.. {photos proven available, includes Vancouver 1st Chinese Dr. Fred Chu's wife Lavender & ladies' photos in traditional Chinese costumes in celebrations. A large 6' X 6" silk Chinese Opera Chair cover embroidered in gold and multi-colors silk threads, a piece of Golden Jubilee's history given to my husband Dean, who framed for family's remembrance (of our father the Chairman of Vancouver Golden Jubilee 1936 Chinese Celebration at 544 Columbia Street building) hung in our home for decades that political motivated of ex-Premier Vander Zalm's gang stole/took from our home.**
- **2. Please see herein below self-explanatory stories and below photos #1 and #2 and herein attached photos of WORLD WAR-2/WWII ~ V*J Victory War End August 5, 1945 Chinatown & Chinese celebrated V*J Victory Parade at 544 Columbia congregation celebrations events.**
- **3. Also in front of 544 Columbia built a huge outdoor stage for Prime Minster Pearson with my husband Dean Chun Kwong Leung on stage in their speeches to the Chinese in Chinatown. Which Prime Minister Pearson (also Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, & Prime Minister Paul Martin's father Finance Minister Martin all) raved and compliment my husband Dean of his brilliant excellence renowned public speeches & in translated their speeches 'Quote; Dean you made better speeches of my speeches'**
- **While Prime Minister Pearson was speaking and Dean was translating his speech; I was seated below the stage on row one with Mrs. Pearson seated on my right and she was beside left of Mrs. Helen Kent with the media crouch in front of us: Quote Mrs. Pearson: (she is known of her hate of politics) "Well! they can't speak English they have no rights to vote!"...unquote Mrs. Pearson in Chinatown with Prime Minister Pearson campaign...Can you imagine the media in front of us will made big headline of her remarks?
Helen & I shockingly made eyes contact; I immediately turned to Helen Kent spoke loudly on another subject saved her & Prime Minister Pearson from the media of her racist remark that Chinese with no English should not allow to vote!**

- 4. ***{{Fire Marshall & Mayor & Council's letter forthcoming on present situation: that include urgent emergency own matter of nothing to mole hole to mountain by City Fire Marshall from mean spirit wrongly alleged. .***
- I, Faye Leung bridged the Best of the Chinese and Caucasians Worlds and in accept the Chinese & Canadian Societies and Communities. I'm known of my great memory vividly remember each of the Chinatown buildings, of its owners, occupants, operations of its businesses in Chinatown since I was a child known of its activities within these buildings, that I've visited, participated, witness, involved with my prominent mother & Father, Community Leaders, and Founder Kwong Gee Chinese Public School & was a Classical Chinese Scholar & Teachers, thereafter with my husband Dean Chun Kwong Leung
- ...I've done for free in Community's spirit assisted **City of Vancouver Fire Wardens/Marshalls; McKenzie et al, the Building Inspectors Jim Robison, Health Inspector Volvo, Director of Permits Wilf Gray, Director of Planner George F. Fountain, Jordan, Spaxman, et al, whose I've translated & interpreted for them all , the City Staffs throughout the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s-1980s with photos, letters, records proves of my free services assisted City Vancouver's various department's Directors and staffs...**
As the Chinese Pioneers "no English" was horrific struggles by the City's as aforementioned in their needed work of buildings throughout Chinatown and the Rooming Houses (SRH) surrounded Chinatown, from Abbott, Water, Powell, Cordova Streets etc. Includes ambulances hospitalize the pioneers lived in these rooming houses and in the original Chinese Pioneers' Housing Building at 544 Columbia Street (this is the site presently Beedie's Group proposed develop)
- *Particular 544 Columbia Street and 107-117 – of 4 commercial stores of ours and of the City's inspectors et al regularly into Chinatown inspections, then **"no English"** also few speaks both various Chinese dialects and English as I do, as I read, write, speaks 7 dialects of Chinese. The younger English speaking Chinese many does not speak, read, write Chinese. Beside they were not involved in Chinatown activities as I was trained at early child age respectfully assist the Chinese pioneers/elder statesmen, & their families et al, whose I knew 90% as my prominent parents were active leaders in the Chinese communities activities were respectfully and later years married to my prominently Chinese leader husband Dean also invited us to its events & functions etc, or they visited us, that we were deeply involved in Chinatown and with the Chinese folks, young and old, of several generations' friendships throughout the decades to this date I'm still actively involved.*

Photo #1 WWII V*J Victory Parade August 5, 1945 World War II ended ~Photo #2: Faye Leung's father Leong Chap Kwong Chairman {seated center}



PHOTO #2: Faye Leung's father Chap Kwong Leong, Chairman; and Leader commemorate Honor WORLD

WAR II *V~J VICTORY – war ended August 5, 1945 {{seated centre}} at Chinese hundreds years old antique boardroom table inlaid white silk cloth of handwritten Chinese historic classical literatures and names; surround by WWII Airforce, Navy, Military Generals, and father also Chairman of Chinese National Benevolent Assn & founder chair several others Assn, and Chairman Chinese Community V*J Day Parade congregate in front of 544 Columbia Street Vancouver Chinatown Keefer Street corner: Faye Leung's father Leong Chap Kwong renowned Speaker: preside Chinese V~J Day Parade: And Colleagues & Directors: left to right~1st row:-Lim Wan Kuey, Wong Gim Chun, {{Centre}} Leong Chap Kwong{Faye Leung's father}, Quon Shong Wing, Lee Bick{Bob, Bill, Jack, George Lee's father Carol Lee's grandfather, XXX, 2nd row:-Wong Shuck, Cho Mee Ding{Famed Architect Bing Thom's grandfather-in-law}, Foon Sien/Wong Mun Po, Wong Kung Fow, Leong Yee Chong, WWII Navy+Military Generals, Leong Ding Bong-Photographer,

PHOTO #1: Faye Leung's father Chap Kwong Leong WWII-V~J Day Parade Marshall by the Chinese Community young & old celebrate V~J Victory of the Chinese Soldiers, Airforce and Navy men march home/Canada in Glory Won the War of photos herein attached!!

- This Beedie Group development be possible as the most truly historic commemorate building in the heart of Chinatown now ...I'll tell you of true historical value as it happened here proven materials as follows:
- This little foot stool with a shelf between to put your items while feeding the baby were cleverly handmade in 1955 in 544 Columbia by Leong Yin Lim Bak/Uncle lived there the only building house him with the Chinese pioneers' single men! And he made the benches at 544 Columbia that Douglas Jung 1st Chinese MP & with other veterans sat on when my mother taught them in the evening after they've returned from won WWII...These benches I've donated in 1992-3 to Vancouver museum that still wants our parents teaching materials/books etc
- Also At 544 Columbia all floors were home for the Chinese Pioneers men as aforesaid, Ng Shew, the famous Chinese "de da" traditional Chinese Weddings and functions bungle player was the only one in Vancouver, was a handsome distinguish tall husky gentleman in demand. I knew all of them lived there happily, although no hot water, bathtubs/bathrooms, heat etc. as nowadays is different eh...This is original Chinatown housings on this site they've built they've flourish!!
- Then 544 Columbia renovated as the Cantonese Chinese Opera House by Gin Wah Sing Chinese Opera and Chinese Orchestra Assn. The divas, actors and stars were from China brought with them all the splendours gorgeous traditional classical Chinese elaborate embroidery silks, sequins, beads, crystals costumes and headpieces, shoes & boots, and rice papers painting artist's Props, Screens, Stage background paints. Sung whole traditional classic opera beautifully artistic artists well performed with love. My parents took me and brothers to these Chinese Cantonese Operas since we were kids that I still loves and I can sit through several classical operas in a row!! I've preserved photos in 544 Columbia we attended the Opera of my mother et al never forget the "Famous Diva "Mow Done So" sung dressed as a ghost in all white gown, her black hair hung loosely to her waist sad scene scared me!! She was on the ship lost in the ocean on way back to China after her Opera performance here... then WWII started...

On behalf of the silent majority and the Chinese Pioneers of aforesaid for the approval of Beedie Development be part and parcel of originally as we've planned (as modified by its present) be our Commemorate Honor Chinese Pioneers in Canada 150 Anniversary as Chinatown landmark by instill characters and Chinese décor compliment the surrounding area; as its is as were the original part of historical building with stories from beginning to now completed with Beedie Development's add as aforementioned is the true heart of Chinatown, commemorate the only historical Chinatown official Chinese Pioneers' House Building....

God Bless Healthy Richly Success With Good Fortune

Faye Leung 梁慧超敬上

Faye Leung Investment, Consulting & Marketing Group 梁慧超顾问投资销售集团公司

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Isfeld, Lori

From: Wong, Stephen [VA] s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:35 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 105 Keefer St

I am speaker 101 and unfortunately I will not be able to speak tonight.

To Mayor Robertson and city council,

My name is Stephen Wong and I'm a Chinese Canadian. I oppose the rezoning of 105 Keefer.

My ancestors fought for this country and helped build this country. The monument that commemorates them at the Keefer Triangle will be nothing but a lawn ornament next to a massive condominium building if the rezoning is approved.

I was at the public hearing on Tuesday and heard many arguments for and against the rezoning. Many points were brought up but I still strongly agree with those that oppose the rezoning. The building exceeds the height and frontage guidelines for the Historical Site of Chinatown. For these reasons alone, it should be denied.

I appreciate that social housing is important but the benefits of adding 25 units to the building does not make it acceptable to make the building bigger. We need a building in that location that fits within the community, culture and history of Chinatown. Chinatown deserves to be governed by a set of by-laws that enshrines its cultural heritage in the same way that Gastown and Granville Island enjoy their own recognized statuses.

Additionally, many of the seniors can't afford \$700 a month for rent. As one of the speakers mentioned on Tuesday evening, the Woodward's effect; many of the rents near Woodward's have skyrocketed due to gentrification. Therefore, many people who need low income housing have been pushed out of the area. Chinatown does not need a high-rise. If this rezoning is approved, where will the low income seniors go?

I am not anti-development. I support smart development that places cultural, historical and community significance of Chinatown at its centre. I appreciate that developer has come back several times to make adjustments but in its current form, it is not acceptable.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Wong

Stephen Wong, MOT
Occupational Therapist
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Isfeld, Lori

From: Carey Mercer s.22(1) Personal and
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 6:50 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: #105keefer

Hello,

I am writing to voice my deep opposition to the 105 Keefer development. The systemic gutting Chinatown is a national travesty, and should not even be under consideration. I hope through this process you have come to realize the deep concern that Vancouver citizens (I live in Vancouver) feel over the rampant development in Vancouver, with little to no concern for its most vulnerable citizens, especially seniors who have lived here for the majority of their lives. I must admit we are so dismayed at city hall's permissiveness towards developers, such as Ryan Beedie and "private citizen" Bob Rennie, that we are the point of leaving Vancouver--I should tell you that my wife is a nurse at St. Paul's, I work now as a teacher for the VSB, and my son attends Norquay school. The fury that you are hearing from the public (Rennie and Beedie employees notwithstanding) are indicative of an anger that you should really listen to, as a government should protect and serve its citizens.

Thank you,

Carey Mercer

Isfeld, Lori

From: Bryan s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Public Hearing; Robertson, Gregor; Louie, Raymond; Jang, Kerry; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; Meggs, Geoff; Reimer, Andrea; Deal, Heather; Stevenson, Tim; De Genova, Melissa; Kelley, Gil; Hoesse, Karen; Mayor and Council Correspondence; Zeng, Yan; Cheng, Paul
Subject: Letter for 105 Keefer

To Mayor and Council:

I am writing this email because I do not support the Rezoning application at 105 Keefer and 544 Columbia St. I care about the historic area. Culturally strong in character neighbourhood that must be maintained as part of the history and soul of the city...

I am strongly opposed to the proposed development for the reasons listed below:

- The social housing that will give Beedie their additional height and density is funded by taxpayers like me. They are also paying reduced DCL and no CAC. Beedie has not truly provided any community benefits to warrant the rezoning.
- The ground floor retail businesses will unlikely be affordable to seniors.
- This is a critical site in a historic area. It should not be used for market condos.
- The height of this building is too tall relative to the surrounding historic buildings .
- It is more massive and dense than all the buildings next to it.
- It was rejected by the City of Vancouver Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee.
- Approval of this project signals that the City does not value our historic neighbourhood.
- It is inappropriate to build luxury condos next to the memorial statue.
- Culturally sensitive site that should be under built if at all...

I would recommend for the City to convert the site to the following uses instead:

- A plaza
- A space for all ages
- Fine-grain buildings that are broken up on the lot

I do not believe that this rezoning proposal is appropriate for the neighbourhood. Therefore, I urge council and staff to reject this application.

Yours truly,
B. Bailas

Sent from my iPad

Isfeld, Lori

From: Katie Leah s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:59 PM
To: Public Hearing; Robertson, Gregor; Louie, Raymond; Jang, Kerry; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; Meggs, Geoff; Reimer, Andrea; Deal, Heather; Stevenson, Tim; De Genova, Melissa; Kelley, Gil; Hoese, Karen; Mayor and Council Correspondence; Zeng, Yan; Cheng, Paul
Subject: 105 Keefer St. rezoning application

Mayor and Council:

I am writing to you regarding my disapproval of the 105 Keefer proposal. Growing up, Chinatown played a large part in childhood. This historic area is very important to me. I live in close proximity to Chinatown and spend a fair amount of time visiting vendors in the area. I have fond memories of elementary school field trips to Chinatown to explore its cultural and historical significance. Once again, the development of 105 Keefer is a misstep in the city of Vancouver's duty to protect the heritage and culturally significant areas of Vancouver. Why would you allow it to be developed in a way that does not support the local residents or provide opportunity for local tax paying citizens to enjoy the history and culture of such a unique heritage site. Shame on you Gregor and the Vision team.

I am concerned about the rezoning proposal because of the following:

- Taxpayers should not be funding Beedie's profit. We are funding the social housing that they are using to justify the increase in height and density. They are not paying any CAC and got a discounted DCL. This is not right.
- It will displace low income residents economically.
- The small family businesses that make up Chinatown's character will not be able to survive due to increased taxes.
- Luxury condos are not an appropriate use of this culturally sensitive site.
- The height is greater than the average building next to it.
- The density proposed in this project does not fit the character of Chinatown.
- The City's Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee did not support this project.
- The size of the seniors housing units being offered is disheartening.
- Approving this rezoning will set poor precedent to other rezonings in Chinatown.
- Building luxury condos next to the memorial statue is to dishonour the contributions of our Chinese-Canadian veterans and railway workers who helped build this city and country.
- The number of units suitable for families is dismal.

I would recommend for the City to convert the site to the following uses instead:

- A community centre for the neighbourhood
- A plaza for the community
- A park for the community

In conclusion, this proposal is not good for the neighbourhood. Council should not approve it. Stop putting developers first and citizens last. Your time left in office will decide the legacy that you leave and right now you are leaving a legacy of the destruction of the very essence and culture of Vancouver. Shame on you.

With regards,
Katie Leah

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Isfeld, Lori

From: Amanda Chan s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Public Hearing; Robertson, Gregor; Louie, Raymond; Jang, Kerry; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; Meggs, Geoff; Reimer, Andrea; Deal, Heather; Stevenson, Tim; De Genova, Melissa; Kelley, Gil; Hoese, Karen; Mayor and Council Correspondence; Zeng, Yan; Cheng, Paul
Subject: 105 Keefer St. rezoning application

Vancouver City Council,

I have concerns about the Rezoning proposal for 105 Keefer and 544 Columbia. I live in a nearby neighbourhood. I grew up going to Chinatown as a kid. Living in Vancouver with a Chinatown is a great part of my experience.

I urge you to not approve the proposal for the building because of the reasons below.

- The social housing that will give Beedie their additional height and density is funded by taxpayers like me. They are also paying reduced DCL and no CAC. Beedie has not truly provided any community benefits to warrant the rezoning.
- It will economically displace vulnerable seniors in Chinatown.
- This project will result in increased property taxes that mom and pop stores cannot afford.
- The Keefer Triangle is a culturally significant site that should not be used for condos.
- The height is greater than the average building next to it.
- The building proposed is out of scale with immediate surroundings.
- Seniors housing offered does not justify the additional height requested.
- Approval of this project despite community opposition will mean the City does not value Chinatown as a historic neighbourhood.
- The memorial statue is a tribute to the historic contributions of Chinese-Canadians. It is inappropriate to be building luxury condos next to it.
- The number of 3-bedroom units for families proposed is disheartening.

Instead of market condos, I would like suggest the following alternatives for the site:

- A place for everyone from all ages and groups
- More community park space
- Smaller buildings that make more sense in the fabric of Chinatown

The 105 Keefer rezoning application is not suitable for Chinatown. Staff should not recommend City Council to approve it.

Your sincerely,
Amanda Chan

Isfeld, Lori

From: An Nyx-Dubhadh s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 8:06 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 105 Keefer St

Dear Councillors,

I believe the rezoning application for 105 Keefer street is unjust and wrong, and I feel strongly that the heritage designation should be retained.

I do not believe that the proportion of social housing is adequate in a development of this size. I believe any development in this area should be predominately or entirely social housing as there is not enough support for the low-income population of the area.

I ask you to reject this rezoning application which will enrich the already well-off developer at the expense of Chinatown's heritage and the low-income people of Chinatown.

Sincerely,
An Nyx-Dubhadh
Vancouver resident.

Isfeld, Lori

From: Dana Mah s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:53 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Fwd: Dana Mah 05/25 Re-zoning Application for 105 Keefer and 544 Columbia - OPPOSED

Edited text enclosed.

Thanks.

Regards,

Dana

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From: Dana Mah s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Date: Thu, May 25, 2017 at 7:47 PM
Subject: Dana Mah 05/25 Re-zoning Application for 105 Keefer and 544 Columbia - OPPOSED
To: Public Hearing <PublicHearing@vancouver.ca>

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors of the City of Vancouver.

As some of you are aware, I have been involved in Chinatown for at least 12 years, most notably with the nearly completed revitalization of the Mah Society of Canada Heritage Building. It has taken our Society 10 years to get to this stage and we could not have reached the near completion of the works without the help of the City and other agencies. For your timely assistance, I give you my thanks.

In the course of reaching this objective, we faced a lot of obstacles, especially with changes in specific programs based on past decisions by Council that would have expedited the works perhaps 5 years earlier. Such decisions, while not project ending, created additional challenges for us as well as many other Chinatown based Societies in working towards preserving our assets that we inherited from our forebears as sacred legacies.

Over time, through collaboration and many constructive discussions between ourselves, the City, the Province and other agencies, other opportunities have been presented to our brother Societies and Associations with the opportunity to undertake what is desperately needed for their assets, their sacred legacies.

The Chinatown Society Legacy Project, now close to completion of Phase 1 is one strong result of constructive collaborative works.

I write to you in opposition to aforementioned re-zoning proposal. There are many elements of this proposed building that will threaten the momentum that has already been created towards the revitalization of the Vancouver Chinatown Community.

Given the height of 115 feet, density of 7.0+ FSR and little provisioning of affordable seniors living units, the design and intent is not consistent with the multi-layered fabric of our community. The outward appearance

does not blend in at all with the surrounding buildings and other spaces in proximity to it. Its architectural finishing does not maintain a consistent feel of belonging to the area and seems more like it should be located somewhere else.

The building will overshadow some of the Chinatown Society owned Historic Buildings, blocking out light and views that adds energy to within the Society spaces. This will only cast a depressive pall within the buildings.

Our building is also one of these buildings that will face this obstruction of light and view. This would be deflating for us as we **had invested** a lot of resources and energy. To what end? Only to be sitting in shadow for a certain amount of time? That leaves me with a bad aftertaste.

The location of this massive construct will also overshadow the Chinese Veterans' and Workers' Monument. This overlooks the sacrifices of heart, soul, blood and life of those who helped with the forging of our country, our home and our community.

There are also many challenging issues facing the those living in the community, particularly Chinese Seniors on low incomes. With the closure of many shops providing accessible services and goods, the people living in this area are finding it becoming much more difficult to sustain themselves in this situation.

Questions I must ask: Are there any benefits from the present proposed building that can be received by the Chinese Senior residents in the Chinatown area that is accessible and affordable?

Why do we not utilize another approach to develop the site with a configuration, footprint and finish that is more attuned and more beneficial to the Chinatown community while not threatening to diminish its cultural, architectural and historical uniqueness?

Can we find a solution to develop this site that is created by Chinatown for Chinatown?

The BAU approach to developing this site in the style of nearby Yaletown has many people frustrated and angered. There are many who have strong ties to the unique and distinct character of Chinatown wanting a different approach.

It has been hoped from the City's viewpoint that the three levels of government would work together to develop solutions for the revitalization of the Community. This site would be a good start and a rallying point to work towards the development of a collaborative approach to shape the site so that it is architecturally consistent with and respectful of the community it is in.

I do not see any public benefit coming from this development. It is in the same style as three other newer developments along Main Street that are not consistent with the architectural style that is unique to Chinatown. Enough with the cookie cutter massive monoliths.

I ask you all in Council to reject this application outright. The site as proposed will not serve the community well with the imposition of a massive building providing very little improvement to the local area overall. I strongly urge you once again to find an alternative approach that considers local area issues, one that is collaborative and creative with the participation of all three levels of government that will significantly address the many issues facing the Chinatown community and of her residents.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Dana Mah

Isfeld, Lori

From: Laurel Bailey s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:38 PM
To: Public Hearing; Robertson, Gregor; Louie, Raymond; Jang, Kerry; Affleck, George; Ball, Elizabeth; Carr, Adriane; Meggs, Geoff; Reimer, Andrea; Deal, Heather; Stevenson, Tim; De Genova, Melissa; Kelley, Gil; Hoese, Karen; Mayor and Council Correspondence; Zeng, Yan; Cheng, Paul
Subject: 105 Keefer St. rezoning application

To Vancouver City Council:

I am writing this email to express my concerns about the Rezoning proposal for 105 Keefer St. I grew up in Chinatown. Living in Vancouver with a Chinatown is a great part of my experience.

I am very concerned about the rezoning proposal because of the reasons below.

- Beedie should not profit on the backs of taxpayers. Taxpayers are paying them for the social housing. With discounted DCL and no CACs, Beedie is not paying their fair share to justify the rezoning.
- It will economically displace vulnerable seniors in Chinatown.
- It will displace affordable Chinatown businesses that residents depend on.
- Luxury condos are not an appropriate use of this culturally sensitive site.
- The height is greater than the average building next to it.
- The building proposed is out of scale with immediate surroundings.
- It was rejected by a City committee, Chinatown Historic Area Plann Committee.
- The seniors housing units being proposed in this project are not guaranteed.
- Approving this project will set a precedent for future projects.

Here are some of my ideas of what could be on the 105 Keefer site instead of condos:

- More social housing
- A space for all ages
- Fine-grain buildings that are broken up on the lot

This rezoning application should not be approved because of the reasons I have listed above

Yours truly,
Laurel Bailey

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To Vancouver City Council,

I'm writing in response to the proposed re-vised rezoning application for 105 Keefer and 544 Columbia Street in Chinatown. I am a local artist who has worked and lived in nearby Strathcona for over ten years. When I first moved to Vancouver, I gravitated towards those parts of the city that were textured, that seemed layered with story and meaning. I found myself drawn to Chinatown and Strathcona for they seemed to offer a connection to the deeper stories of those who had come before.

I have seen both neighborhoods change rapidly in the short time I've lived here. What alarms me is the way in which Chinatown seems to be developing. What's at stake is the loss of small scale heritage buildings, neighborhood markets, senior housing, and the cultural memories of a place rich in history. As the shiny towers go up, towering over the streets, we find they diminish the memories of the place. They provide a token gesture to the surrounding culture- lion statues or the color red- but this is no more than a veneer.

I reject the proposed rezoning application for 105 Keefer St. I don't think 25 senior housing units is going to solve anything, particularly when only a handful will be available for low income. And the increase in building height will be a detriment to the neighborhood. I don't agree with much of the development I've seen go up in Chinatown and I would like to see more public input going forward. This is a sensitive area, and its growth should be considered with care and with the participation of members of the community who have its best interests at heart.

Vancouver's Chinatown is one of the largest in North America and its preservation embodies our shared immigrant experience. As the old Society buildings give way to massive new condos, the chance to have done something different will be lost. Years from now, we may look back and regret the hasty and avaricious way in which Chinatown was developed. I don't think that's the kind of legacy Vancouver wants for itself.

Sincerely,

Shannon Harvey

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