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From: Christine Leblanc s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2017 11:05 AM
To: Mayor and Council Correspondence; Public Hearing
Subject: 105 Keefer Street and 544 Columbia St Proposed Development

To whom it my concern,

I write this in reference to 105 Keefer St , and 544 columbia St Proposed development.

My name is Christine LeBlanc, I am the owner of LIFE&COLOUR salon at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential We were one of the first new businesses on Union St, as we have been opened for 5 years now. We have been providing haircare services to residents of Chinatown as well as driving a large amount of traffic to the area that might not have had reason to visit.

We love this area of Vancouver and are so proud to be a part of this small independent business community. We have seen exceptional growth and change to this neighbourhood. Not only within the small business community but now where people want to come and live, support and integrate themselves here.

Over the years we now see our clientele living in and around the area, we also have people coming from every corner of Vancouver and surrounding suburb. Everyone near and far loves coming to the neighbourhood to experience the ever growing thriving chinatown district. Where old meets new, east meets west, where a diverse community exists in harmony with each other.

We are aware there are a lot of social issues still at hand, we feel as though the neighbourhood encourages support and prides itself of working together. Developments like this, that provide more social housing can only help not hinder. Continuing to assist all walks of life to live together.

I truly believe that the Keefer/Colombia development proposed would be extremely beneficial to the area as I have seen first hand what a development like this can do . The V6A building which we run our business out of, was one of the first of its kind here. It has provided the area with more room for new residents to enjoy and contribute to the neighbourhood. Also allowing small businesses to have the option of more affordable smaller spaces to exist and operate. Therefor diversifying and developing the neighbourhood further. This will only impact the city in a positive way. Driving more people to live, work or visit Chinatown.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely