

## Castro, Maria

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**From:** Melodie Lane "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential)"  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 11:18 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** public hearing for the addresses of 521-527 west 8 th Ave Vancouver

To whom it may concern,

I live at 642 west 7th Ave.

I am not in favor of the purposed development of the addresses mentioned above. I feel that area is already in need of city intervention regarding existing congestion.

The developers are planning parking lot access to this development through the alley way or lane way. I understand that this is necessary, as 8th street is already a traffic nightmare on that corner. However, the alley way is also very busy with delivery trucks, waste disposal trucks, liquor store cars, and traffic cutting through the alley off 8th street. Many cars are also using that alley as a turn around place while looking for parking spots. Needless to say many a time there are fiery tempers on display as they block one another.

This alley point is already used by the liquor store to access its parking lot.

There are many pedestrians using this alley to get to a variety of places including the sky train a few blocks away. Also, this is a popular spot for the many homeless people in the area to mingle, given that they are often under the influence this makes their safety under question.

With the number of higher buildings being constructed in the neighborhood wind tunneling, idling cars, environmental issues and the general overall quality of life becomes a serious issue. Thank you for your serious consideration of the impact this project will have on the neighborhood.

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**From:** ceire creighton "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential)"  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2017 11:33 PM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** 521-527 west 8th ave

I am not in favour of the development of 521-527 W 8th because of the negative effects that adding more traffic to the lane will bring. Including: congestion, pollution (due to idling), road rage/frustration from delivery trucks and garbage trucks.

There is already a shortage of street parking, adding more residence to this area will worsen this issue especially around the holidays.

There are many bikers in this area, adding more street traffic will be very dangerous and could result in more injury or accidents.

Thank you

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**From:** Meghan Creighton "s.22(1) Personal and Confidential)"  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017 12:41 AM  
**To:** Public Hearing  
**Subject:** Rezoning application 521-527 West 8th avenue

Hello. I am writing to express my concern about the application for rezoning at 521-527 West 8th avenue.

I am strongly opposed to this application for the following reasons:

The entrance and exit of the underground parking lot of the proposed building is positioned in an area of the lane that is already very congested. I frequently see the delivery truck drivers (for the nearby restaurants and the liquor store), as well as the waste disposal drivers yelling, swearing, and nearly getting into fist fights because they block one another in the lane. This corner of the lane also houses both the entrance and the exit for the liquor store parking lot. The delivery/waste disposal trucks also frequently block the drivers/pedestrians trying to enter/exit the liquor store parking lot, leaving them stuck in the parking lot. I all-to-frequently witness screaming matches over this.

Adding more traffic to this portion of the lane would pose a significant safety concern. It will also lead to more idling and pollution, which is already a frequent issue in this section of the lane due to all the congestion. This will negatively impact the air quality for all of us.

Right now the trucks use the two parking spaces behind the bakery (the building currently occupying the lot) to navigate moving around without blocking one another. The proposed building will go right to the end of the lot. I can't imagine how chaotic it will become with more traffic and the loss of those two spaces.

The increase in traffic will be especially dangerous given the number of homeless people we have using the alley. The proximity of the liquor store means that there are many vulnerable people who congregate here and that these people are frequently under the influence, and thus at higher risk of harm. *I am very concerned that this proposed increase in traffic could lead to some being hit and killed.*

The number of higher new developments that are going up in the area also cause me concern about wind-tunnelling and other forms of environmental harm. This is especially important given our proximity to the ecologically sensitive false creek and surrounding park areas. I would like the city to study the potential impact on the birds, and other wildlife before proceeding. Personally, while proceeding cautiously in regard to the environmental impacts of multiple new buildings, I feel the city should prioritize housing developments over building more office space.

The shadow that this building will create is detrimental to the quality of life of Glynn Manor residents, who live directly behind the proposed building. It may cause the plants in their gardens to die (which have been chosen for sun) which could be hard for them to replace, given that Glynn Manor it is a building for individuals with disabilities who are low income. The constant shadow the proposed building will cast will be especially harmful given the high prevalence of the residents suffering from depression and other mental health issues. It also will cut off the little light that those in the building beside Glynn Manor still get. This combined with the aforementioned congestion and loss of privacy will negatively impact the residents' health, safety, and quality of life. It will also decrease the value of both properties.

Please reject this application for rezoning.

Thank you,

Meghan Creighton