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From: Steven Pal s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 11:08 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Rezoning Application for 1133-1155 Melville St

To whom it may concern:

My name is Steven Pal. I am a condo owner at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential. I have been following the submissions for the proposed office building project at 1133 Melville St. I submitted comments prior to the first building proposal and I also attended the previous public Q&A session in November. I am taking the opportunity to once again provide commentary prior to the next public hearing which I cannot attend in person.

Although changes have been made to the building design since the first proposal, I am still very concerned about the size and shape of the structure. Vancouver has taken great care in trying to maintain view cones for the relatively small area downtown. I know that our particular building which is very tall, is also very narrow and situated in such a way as to minimize the impact on nearby buildings (eg the Shangri La). This proposed building, however, will significantly impact our building as well as the Shangri La and perhaps many others. The proposed structure is not only very tall but also relatively wide (virtually a city block). This building will not only block views, but will also create a large shadow in the area. Also, it is not a particularly aesthetically pleasing design and, in my opinion, will be overwhelmingly large and boxy. All other buildings are either tall and narrow, and if they are wide (office space box-shaped), then they are much lower in height.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Steve Dick s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 1:54 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Office buildings downtown

I am wondering why the City wants to building more office buildings Downtown when it is becoming more and more difficult to get to work there. City relies too much on skytrains which are way too crowded during rush hours. Imagine the chaos when the trains go down for some reasons.

The only few access by cars anywhere from the East or the Highway 1 such as the Georgia via duct will be destroyed by the City. Hastings already too congested almost right from the Highway so even impossible to go to McGill Street from the Highway at times. Instead of progressing, the City seems to be be going backwards as far as infrastructure and roads are concerned.

Most office workers have to go back and forth to downtown at least once a day. Whereas it may not be the case for people living downtown to be going out of downtown everyday. So why is the City not expanding the infrastructure for people to get to downtown???