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From: Justin Fung s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 11:55 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: Opposition to 8599 Oak Street rezoning

To Mayor and Council,

I am writing in my capacity as a spokesperson for Housing Action for Local Taxpayers and as a resident of the City of Vancouver to express my opposition for the rezoning at 8599 Oak Street.

While we do need more purpose built rental supply during this housing crisis, it mustn't come at the expense of existing affordable rental suites. The rents that would be charged in the newly developed units, even at the suggested below market rates would be far in excess of whatever the current tenants there could currently pay.

In approving this project, you will be displacing 13 tenants making it nearly impossible for them to find a similarly affordable rental anywhere closeby.

You will find my continued and vehement opposition to rezoning existing affordable rentals for any purpose until we can have better protections for existing tenants and a city-wide zoning strategy that prioritizes maintaining and restoring existing affordable rentals.

Thank you.