



Mayor and Council

While as a LAP Committee member I have abstained from supporting the Co-Chairs letter in opposition of the 955 E Hastings re-zoning application, I agree with the LAP Co-Chairs that there are some concerns with this development that deserve careful thought. On behalf of my stakeholders and in consideration of Strathcona's I strongly feel that the social housing units should not be considered the CAC component of this project. We have crucially important housing needs as I know you well understand but as a low-income area we also need amenities and funding to support programming in previously created amenities. However, the inclusion of industrially zoned spaces on the ground floor is a creative model and one that I fully support in the interest of fostering a broad employment base in the area, positively benefitting all residents, including those who face barriers to employment.

Regarding the management of and development or building permits for 955 Hastings should this rezoning be approved:

The RFP process has created issues in the DTES in the past, sometimes political and sometimes personal, and many of us in the area see this project as an opportunity to employ a collaborative approach to management of 955 E Hastings. I'm sure you will hear this from others and I hope you consider it. Through the planning process much social capital continues to be created and this is a great opportunity to do things differently by capitalizing on this. I hope the City and the developer can engage the community to ensure the success of this development through the development permit and building permit stages if it is approved. This includes the business and social innovation potential of the job-spaces that have been included in this project. I also hope you strongly consider the opportunity for the developer to implement some form of social-impact purchasing, a CBA or anything of that nature to make up for the loss of the CAC at those latter phases in the development process. This can equally benefit the developer, the city and the community but it will take good communication, trusting collaboration and some innovation. Through the LAP Committee and the ICNC we have several individuals who have extensive experience in this area. I am sure they would be as willing as I am to engage the developer and staff in order to aid in the creation and implementation of these.

Thank you for your time,

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For the record I am opposed to the rezoning of 955 east Hastings street.

From my perspective city officials must consider the fact that SRO rents will be affected by any development which does not follow the 2004 Housing Plan of one condo for one renovated SRO. How can we not be shamed by the disregard for that officially approved policy ? Politicians will be judged one day by the effort they make towards more inclusive neighborhoods. Look at Camden NJ for an example of what not to do! The entire city so cannibalized by real estate and construction companies, it has been taken over by the state of NJ.

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