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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2013 1:34 PM
To: Jim s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Subject: RE: Notice of Public Hearing: Amendments to the LWH Regulations & Guidelines and Expansion of Program

Thank you for your comments.

All public comments submitted for the public hearing that are received not more than 15 minutes after the close of the speakers list for that public hearing will be distributed to members of Council for their consideration. The public comments must include the name of the writer.

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Please note that your contact information will be removed from the comments, with the exception of the writer's name. Comments received after the start of the public hearing should not exceed 1500 words.

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Thank you.

From: Jim s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2013 1:06 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: re: Notice of Public Hearing: Amendments to the LWH Regulations & Guidelines and Expansion of Program

Hello all,

I am heartened to see that Vancouver is working to make laneway houses one level only. This would dramatically reduce a few of their immensely negative impacts on existing neighbourhoods...namely, extreme loss of privacy, loss of sunshine, and loss of views. In addition, the idea of requiring a carport is also sound as what is the sense of mandating inside parking if people only convert that space and then park on the street anyway (as has happened with many of the Vancouver Specials as well).

It was intriguing to read in a recent newspaper report that the municipal Green Party is the one that seems to be the one most resistant to further over-development in our city. Overcrowding is not green and I have never understood how the "greenest city in the world" slogan could ultimately apply if overcrowding continues unabated. Vancouver is geographically limited, we are already too dense...we have done our fair share for the region. Please don't continue to buy into the "need for progress-development" argument. It seems like this current municipal government will never be satisfied until every single block in the city has been densified.

Thank you for your service to the community. I know that it cannot be easy trying to meet everybody's desires. I especially want to thank you for this consideration of a softening of the pell-mell rush towards buildings as opposed to green.

Take care,
Jim

Vancouver homeowner.