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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2013 9:40 AM
To: Carole Itter
Subject: RE: Villa Cathy extended height request on Union Street

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: Carole Itter s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2013 8:33 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Villa Cathy extended height request on Union Street

This part of Union Street is a walkway for many pedestrians as well as a bicycle path, east to west across the city. Directly across the street, due north of this site is the MacLean Housing Project, perhaps one of the "poorest" of family housing projects in all of Vancouver. The buildings within this housing project on Union are just three stories high.

If Villa Cathy is permitted to build even six stories high, **the huge shadow from it will seriously block the sunlight and create huge shadows** across this low-income MacLean Housing project. Sunlight will be blocked not only on their dwellings but across their only playground which also borders Union Street right there.

The developers and architects of this proposal have not considered the impact of their proposed structure onto the immediate neighbourhood.

I have lived and worked in this area for over 3 decades and there is only one other 12 storey building anywhere near, and that is 9 blocks away by commercial Chinatown on Keefer Street. It also houses seniors. When it was built so extremely high some years ago now, the local reaction was "never again".

By co-incidence, my 89 year old partner and I now face this same huge building and live with 11 stories of people looking down into our small second storey apartment. If I wanted to live like this, I would have moved to the West End.

This letter is to appeal to the City council to reconsider this whole large development within the context of this small neighbourhood.

Sincerely,
Carole Itter