Hildebrandt, Tina

From:	Public Hearing
Sent:	Wednesday, October 23, 2013 10:11 AM
To:	^{s 22(1)} Personal and Confidential
Subject:	FW: Rezoning Application for 33-49 East Hastings Street
Importance:	High

Thank you for your comments.

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In addition, these public comments will also be posted on the City's website (<u>http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/councilmeetings/meeting_schedule.cfm</u>). 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.

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From: Joy C ^{5.22(1)} Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 6:05 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Cc: Zeng, Yan; Jocelyn Fortier; Ialiana LaVoy
Subject: Rezoning Application for 33-49 East Hastings Street

Dear City Council & Mayor,

I write this letter to you today regarding the rezoning application currently in place for 33-49 East Hastings Street. I have previously email my concerns regarding this zoning application to city planner Mr. Yan Zeng.

My husband and I live on the top floor of ^{s.22(1)} Personal and Confidential at a southeast facing unit. We have been living in Gastown for the past 6 years now.

We are always excited to see new development in our neighbourhood and proud to be part of the transformation of the area. We also applaud the developer of this site for trying to be inclusive of all residents of this area with both market and low-income housing. However, we do have very serious concerns about the additional height this development intended to obtain. We feel that it is not in the spirit of the HA zoning which was created years ago to preserve the characteristics of the neighbourhood.

We are very disappointed even with feedbacks from a number of people, including ourselves regarding the concern of the massing of this development. We see almost no changes to the design and height with this "modified" re-zoning proposal.

One major reason that we have purchased our unit 7 years ago is we enjoyed the outlook we have - the even height this neighbourhood has provided us with very open outlook from our property. We can see almost all the way to Burnaby on a good day. The city lights in the night time is breathtaking. We also enjoy the open feel from our deck we currently enjoy.

With the additional height 33-49 East Hasting project is proposing, we will lose a dominate part of that open feel we very much enjoy in the last few years. And we also fear that it would be the beginning of this corrosion of the open feel we believe the HA zoning was created to preserve.

To stress - this additional height 33-49 East Hasting is seeking will impact the quality we currently enjoy very much.

We hope you would take this into consideration and re-evaluate this re-zoning application.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Joy Chao & John Henshaw s.22(1) Personal and Confidential