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From: Sent:

Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Monday, October 07, 2013 11:30 AM

To:

RE: Re 33-49 E Hastings Street Subject:

Thank you for your comments.

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Thank you.

From: \$20(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Sunday, October 06, 2013 9:44 PM To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office Subject: FW: Re 33-49 E Hastings Street

From: 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential

To: council@vancouver.ca

Subject: Re 33-49 E Hastings Street Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2013 20:38:42 -0700

While I do not have a problem with the size of the development I do have a problem with yet another development in the area for social housing. This area has more than its fair share of social housing. Social housing needs to be spread to all parts of Vancouver so that we do not have any one area as a ghetto. It is time more upscale apartments are put in the area so that the neighbourhood can be cleaned up. As long as you have too much social housing in that area it will never get cleaned up. If the mayor and council feel it is such a good idea I suggest that they all move to that area, otherwise put more social housing in the areas in which they live.

That area is a disgrace to the city and province. It is an embarrassment to have to drive through there. I do take visitors from out of town to Main and Hastings to show them what Vancouver has done with the mentally ill and drug addicted people and how they all gather in that neighbourhood.

The city should allow developers to put upscale high-rise apartments in that area. They should be lower by the water and higher further back. For being allowed to build higher the developers should have to contribute a certain amount towards social housing and housing for the mentally ill which should be dispersed throughout the city.

I would also like to see all developers of high-rises in Vancouver be required to have art work by local artists displayed in the lobbies. Right now we have developers such as Concord and Bosa put a few bamboo sticks in the lobby and call it art. Concord has ruined Yaletown with boring buildings. The tops of the buildings are unimaginative and in a few years that whole area will be awful. One has to look at Shanghai to see what architects can do to the tops of buildings to make the skyline beautiful. That is what is required by East Hastings, The Woodwards building is attractive and we need more interesting buildings like that.

I am totally opposed to more social housing in that area. Clean it up! Please.

Thanks, Alex de Figueiredo.

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