

Tuerlings, Leslie

From: Tuerlings, Leslie
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 7:26 PM
To: CC Meeting Coordinators - DL; City Manager's Admin Assistants - DL; Council Support (COV) - DL; Councillors - DL; Darwent, Christopher; Dozzi, Brent; 'Gregor Robertson'; Jackson, Brian (PDS); Johnston, Sadhu; Mayor's Office Staff - DL; Mital, Eric; Munro, Kent; Shafieian, Nooshin; Storer, Paul
Cc: Sovdi, Holly; Garrison, Dan; Gillman, Andrea; Gordon, Michael
Subject: FW: Westend Zoning Amendments

Please find below additional correspondence in support of item 3 received since the distribution this afternoon.

From: Don Allison s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 1:20 PM
To: Reimer, Andrea
Subject: Westend Zoning Amendments

Dear Andrea,

I'm not able to attend today's meeting about zoning amendments for the westend plan, could you please forward my comments to all, thank you.

As a senior in the westend not a day goes by that I don't worry about my housing and where I will be living as I get older. Even though I live in a co-op I will be forced to move soon because subsidy is no longer available after 2018, but where do I go. Even though I've been looking for alternative housing I'm on the list along with thousands of others needing affordable housing. Also the expense of moving is at least \$500 to \$1000 on top of rent, utility changes.

We need at a minimum any towers construction in the westend to contain affordable housing, not market rent. We pay market in my co-op. While it would be great to maintain the status quo in the westend it is not responsible to do so. We must build up and not keep expanding single story residents in the lower mainland which takes over valuable farm land. When any tower proposals come to city hall please make at least 20% of "all towers" contain affordable housing units, even bachelor, 500 sq ft, would be good.

I know from my own experience and talking to other seniors that every day we have more stress every day worrying if we will be on the streets in our senior years.

Thank you so much,
Don L. Allison



January 23, 2014

Mayor and Council
City of Vancouver
453 West 12th Ave.
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Robson Street Business Association (RSBA), I would like to state our support for the proposed zoning changes recommended in the West End Community Plan, specifically with respect to Robson Village.

Although we would have preferred for the residential component to remain a permitted use under the zoning, we are hopeful that its' removal and the increase in the permitted floor space ratio for commercial purposes from 1.0 to 3.0 fsr will result in a more dynamic and vibrant shopping district through redevelopment and creative uses of space, i.e. rooftop patios. As the West End continues to densify under the plan, and Vancouver continues to thrive as a tourist destination, we do anticipate an increased need for multi-story commercial retail, and perhaps office and hotel facilities on Robson Street. The proposed zoning amendments, we feel, will provide capacity for Robson Street's continued relevance in the downtown peninsula.

Again, we appreciate the hard work that has been put into the development of the West End Community Plan, as well as Council's consideration of our perspective on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teri Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light grey rectangular background.

Teri Smith
Executive Director
RSBA