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Mayor Gregor Robertson and Members of Council
Re: Public Hearing, Thursday, January 23rd, 2014;
Item 3 on the agenda: Zoning Amendments for the West End.

I'm writing in support of the Zoning Amendments because they are future-focussed and respectful of existing realities and opportunities. Quite simply, I wouldn't be living in the West End if previous zoning changes had not accommodated the needs of a growing population and city. Thinking of those arriving now and in the future and clearly they need to have the same accessibility as those of us who came before.

Personally I didn't get everything I wanted (did anyone?) with the West End Community Plan but it's not about me, is it? But I do appreciate the ample opportunities that were available to me to make my preferences known. While I don't bicycle, I welcomed the chairs positioned along Comox Street.

I've seen many amazing photographs of how the West End has evolved over its history. Who could have projected or predicted how it would change and grow while remaining an attractive and desirable place to live – and more recently, work and play. And so it is today: imagine what our West End might/will look like 30 years from now. I think the WECP takes us in the right direction – without guarantees. I see this as an invitation to be as bold and brave as our ancestors and predecessors.

Regards,
Gail Brown
An 18-year West End resident.