

Hi I'm Harlene Sra. I am a local resident of the Marpole district and a common goer to Oakridge Center. Having lived in this area here now for more than a decade, I have developed close ties to the mall and what goes on around it. I recently heard about the Oakridge redevelopment when I attended a CYP event through the Leaders of Tomorrow Program held by Vancouver Board of Trade.

After being better educated of the plans the city and developers have prepared I think that the redevelopment will in fact benefit the city and the public. I feel with the creation of the civic centre such as the new library, community center, day care and senior center, will allow Oakridge to open up to different age groups and generations and build a better community.

I actually started my first job at HBC in 2007 and I feel it's a great place to gain job experience especially for the youth. In closing, I feel that there will be bigger and better opportunities for all and Oakridge will gain that competitive edge over other malls or centers. With the parking being underground, the city will save quite a bit of space to build upon. I feel there is a great opportunity for investment, growth and diversity.

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