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Vancouver City Council

I am writing this email to object to the proposed rezoning. I am a resident at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential and I was trying to make to the public hearing but could not attend due to other commitments.

I am objecting it for a number of reasons. First, I am concerned about the traffic congestion that this will create both during the construction period and after the project is completed when people are trying to commute there to work in an office building.

Second, as far as I know, the original site contains a parkade and I am concerned that it will be even harder for drivers to find parking in the downtown core and will have to end up parking more frequently on the streets, creating inconveniences for nearby neighborhoods.

Third, that area has multiple historical buildings and has in the past been used numerous times as scenes for movie production. The construction of a modern 31-storey office will likely make the area less attractive to the filming industry. Fourth, the proximity of this location to Harbour centre and the height of this building is concerning as it may obstruct the view of Harbour Centre from elsewhere in the city, particularly from Stanley Park. Also, I am also concerned the view from the observatory tower at Harbour Centre, a popular location for tourists, will also be obstructed and tourism maybe impacted as a result. Therefore, the view of Harbour Center, as one of the iconic buildings of Vancouver, should be preserved.

Lastly, I am concerned about the environmental impact this construction project has, especially to the surrounding neighbourhoods. Specifically, with the attempt of demolishing the original structure on site, is there any assessment for rodent risks to the surrounding areas? There has been reports that some older buildings in the downtown core house varying number of mice in them. I am wondering if the city council has assessed and come up with solutions with respect to that if it is a potential risk.

Overall, given these multiple concerns, I will argue the cost outweighs the benefits of rezoning and construction of a new office building in the site being proposed.

Sincerely Yours,
Clement Kwok, M.D.

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