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From: Michael Tan s. 22(1) Personal and Confidential
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To: Public Hearing
Subject: 450 gore ave

As I am unable to attend tonight's hearing. These are my comments as I would have put forth originally on feb 24 2015

Thank you

Good evening mayor, councillors

My name is Michael tan

I am a director of the Chau luen society. We operate the 82 unit non market housing tower at 325 keefer on the corner of Gore and keefer.

I am in chinatown 3 times a week teaching our athletic club. All of the above is in a volunteer capacity.

My day job is the controller of a fast growing tech startup called Unbounce and prior to that Hootsuite. Yes I am indeed name dropping.

I am speaking as a private citizen and member of the chinatown community. This is my very first public hearing soo I wanted to give you some background.

There are a lot of great points about the development and I am definitely for the idea of new buildings and new housing in chinatown to achieve our city's housing goals as outlined in the DTES Plan.

There has been a wave of revitalization in chinatown. I love all the new food and hipster coffee shops popping up, however I cannot put my support to this re zoning proposal at this time as there is yet still no comprehensive plan for the historic chinatown area.

Moving forward with new developments without a comprehensive plan would mean infringing on the existing historic character of chinatown.

Questions need to be posed and answers provided regarding the impact of new developments on the existing community, both residents and businesses.

I am also against the proposed distribution of units as they stand. There is yet again, no allocation of affordable housing at all within the proposed development. \$850 is the proposed rent on the Micro units. The micro units are 23.2 square meters. Which is 249 sqft. 250 sqft for for \$850 a month? Not sure if this fits in with the cities affordable housing strategy.

Until there is meaningful consultation with the existing community, and a comprehensive chinatown development plan put in place, I strongly object to moving forward with the rezoning of 450 gore at this time and urge council to place a moratorium on development in Chinatown.

Thank you

addendum

Above was the original 5 minutes spiel I was to speak on Tuesday, Feb 24, 2015 but item 2 was pushed to Thursday , Feb 26, 2015.

I respectfully suggest that if the city clerks office or councillors sees two items on agenda, and one having 4 speakers regstered and the other 37 speakers that perhaps it may be better to have the 4 speaker item proceed first.

Someone pointed out, my above points regarding a comprehensive Chinatown Development Plan would not effect 450 Gore Ave, as it is outside the limits of historic Chinatown as it sits on the east side of Gore. I would say if you surveyed any passing person at 450 Gore and asked them, 'are you in Chinatown right now?', I would hazard 99% of all surveyed would answer with a resounding "Yes" and be puzzled why you were asking them such a ridiculous question.

Thank you so much.

Michael Tan

— Sent from my iPhone7 prototype