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From: Teresa Vandertuin s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 2:40 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
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Dear Mayor and Council,

I'd like to communicate my objections to the rezoning of 450 Gore Street.

I object to -

- an increase from two-family dwelling to Comprehensive Development
- an increase in floor space ratio from 0.6 to 4.5
- from three stories to six stories
- to allow retail on Pender Street
- to allow for-profit "affordable" market rental which in fact is not affordable to the majority of DTES community members. In order to "afford" a studio unit that rents for \$1100, if one pays 30% of income you would need to make \$3700 a month, that's \$925 a week and BC Benefits pays less than that for a month! How would this building help with the DTES Local Area Plan to provide housing for the low-income people living in the community?

To quote the Prime Minister, I am "offended."

I live in the next block down across the street at s.22(1) Personal and Confidential and this proposed building at Gore and Pender will have a major impact on the nature of this highly residential area. There is no retail on Pender east of Gore and this would start the wedge. The building site is surrounded by two and three story homes for Seniors' and we are now going to face more retail including a possible restaurant or neighbourhood public house. This building directly changes the nature of the street and the surrounding area. And with the unrealistic market rents proposed, this will push up rents in the surrounding buildings and push out current residents.

This rezoning request also includes far too many unknowns that can be adjusted after approval. That is not acceptable.

I trust you will take my comments under consideration.

Thank you for your time!

Teresa Vandertuin

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