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From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:11 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Fwd: URGENT: Sign the Petition Now!

From: Christopher Porter s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 8:01 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office; s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Cc: Patsy McMillan Patsy
Subject: Re: Fwd: URGENT: Sign the Petition Now!

Dear Mayor and Council,

I just wanted to say I support the changes to the DODP.

I am a resident of False Creek and my residents association is trying to convince me that the changes being proposed are bad. You can read the email below with the hyperbole, "scare quotes", and fear mongering.

I live in one of the social housing buildings in the Olympic village (paying market rent). Our building works amazingly well with good social cohesion. I have a lot of friends in the building and I'm not sure who is paying market rent and who is subsidized. I hope our building is a model to emulate throughout Vancouver, and I support changes that encourage that.

Also, although it is probably less controversial, the changes being proposed for Robson Village to encourage commercial development look good to me.

- Christopher Porter

THIS IS AN URGENT REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF NEW YALETOWN'S FIGHT WITH CITY HALL . THEY WON THE FIRST ROUND WHEN SUPREME COURT JUDGE MCEWEN SAID THAT THE COV HAD TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC IN THE PROCESS AND THAT THE PROCESS HAD TO BE FAIR.

Now the city is proposing **massive changes** to the Downtown Official Development Plan (DODP). These changes, if approved, will **remove limits to how big a tower can get built downtown**. If approved, **your neighbourhood or our neighbourhood may be targeted next**.

The City is trying to sidestep the recent BC Supreme Court ruling requiring public participation and a fair process. These changes to the DODP, if approved, will allow developments like those recently struck down in New Yaletown to suddenly **proceed without any public hearings or public participation**.

These changes include:

- **Massive increases in the size and density** of buildings.

- Creating a new “**definition**” of **Social Housing** that specifically *excludes* **low income earners**.
- Creating massive **loopholes from zoning restrictions** for buildings that have just “some” Social Housing.
- Creating a new “**secured market rental**” category that allows developers to *double the size of their buildings*.
- Granting “**automatic**” **density bonuses with unlimited density** in some areas without requiring approval by City Council and with **no public input**.

Under the new definition of Social Housing, if just 1/3 of a building consists of tiny units rented at \$850 a month, **density limits are removed**. The public is given **no opportunity to comment** on whether, or where, the building gets built.

Worse, these new “**social housing**” units remain out of reach for truly low income people who can't afford \$850 a month for rent.

Developers get unlimited density. Neighbourhoods get destroyed by massive towers. Low income people lose out completely.

It's time to take a stand:

- Tell the City **NO to the proposed changes**.
- Please **state your opposition** to these changes on the City's **online feedback form**(<http://former.vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/rezoning/applications/dodp/feedback.htm>) **AND** by **emailing City Council**(mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca).
- Also, please attend the **Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 24, at City Hall, at 6pm**. Speak against the proposed changes. Don't let City Council vote to take away your voice in what gets built in your neighbourhood. See details below.

Your neighbourhood depends on you!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alan Albert

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Date: March 23, 2015 9:10:37 AM PDT

To: Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods

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Subject: URGENT: Sign the Petition Now!

Reply-To: 5.22(1) Personal and Confidential

I am writing with rare urgency. **This Tuesday at 6pm**, City Council will be voting on proposed amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan.

These amendments, if approved, will not just change downtown. These amendments will also **set a precedent** that will impact neighbourhoods all across Vancouver. **Your neighbourhood may be next.**

To see a quick list of key reasons to oppose the amendments, click the link below.

As of my writing, public opinion collected by City Hall is overwhelmingly *for* these damaging amendments.

Distribution Date	Support	Support - Form Letter	Opposed	Other
March 20, 2015	1	102	7	2

The 102 " in support" names were appended to a letter written by a pastor at Christ Church Cathedral . Did he just pass it around for signing without anyone knowing how these changes will affect the downtown community?

Your opportunity to stop the amendments is now. **Next time, it may be too late.** Please take a moment to sign this online petition before tomorrow, send a letter to mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca or to each individual councillor below, and attend the public hearing tomorrow night Tuesday Mar 24th at 6 pm at City Hall to include your voice in this debate.

The easiest way to take action:

- **Please sign the petition** at <https://www.change.org/p/vancouver-mayor-and-city-council-vote-no-to-the-proposed-amendments-to-the-downtown-official-development-plan-on-march-24-2015>. The petition must be signed before this Tuesday at 5pm. **Sign now!**

Want to do more?

- **Forward this email** to your neighbourhood association members and to your own contacts.
- **Send your own letter** to the list of email addresses below this message. **Letters count even more** than petition-signing. Feel free to use the bullet points from the petition or the CANY website linked below.
- **Speak at the Public Hearing** at City Hall on Tuesday, March 24, at 6pm. Use the bullet points from the petition or the CANY website linked below, or make your own points. **Speakers make the biggest impact.**
- **Tweet the link to the petition** and share it on Facebook.

Please act now, before this Tuesday at 5pm. **The neighbourhood you save may be your own.**

Thanks!
Alan

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Alan Albert
Community Association of New Yaletown