

Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 2:45 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Proposed amendments to the Downtown Dev Plan

From: Lars gunnerson s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 2:13 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposed amendments to the Downtown Dev Plan

I have lived in the EDEN building and rented for about 10 years. I work as a chef in on of the lovely Yaletown Eateries. The biggest concern I have with the new plan are the terms low cost housing, substituting social housing. There must be a reason for that. Are you going to further ghettoize the community? I work in a super chic spot and increasingly diners are complaining about being hassled when they walk home or walk to their cars. City hall is increasingly downloading the problems of the DTES to Yaletown. Why don't you fixt the problems in the DTES, not export them over the city?

Vision is killing the area with good intentions. You want to help the poor but you are cutting off the vibrant parts of the city. Just walk on Granville between Davie and Smythe, there are three SRO's and the street is like a slum. Retail spots have been empty for years.

I know you guys are afraid of the truth, you are afraid of facts, but if you face reality, you will see that you are failing in your social engineering.

thank you

Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:20 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Proposed amendments to the downtown official dev plan

From: Erich Herchen s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:33 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Proposed amendments to the downtown official dev plan

I am against all attempts to increase social housing. I am for all attempts to increase market housing and business.

thank you

Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 10:13 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Opposed to amendments to the DDOP

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From: Esther L. s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 8:54 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Opposed to amendments to the DDOP

I oppose the rezoning amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan. As a resident of downtown Vancouver, I believe these amendments erode public trust and transparency by removing density limits and sidestepping any input from residents. Moreover, the BC Supreme Court ruling should stand, regarding the 508 Helmcken rezoning and land swap. The court made the right decision.

Regards,

Esther L.

Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:27 AM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: No to the proposed amendments to the DODP

From: Alain-Daniel Bourdages s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 11:13 AM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: No to the proposed amendments to the DODP

Hello!

First, thanks for working on making Vancouver even better. I understand the need to keep the city looking forward and that we have to update the rules from time to time to keep up with the changes affecting our city. I'm in favor of progress, making things better. However, the proposed amendments are not clear enough for me to be in favor of them. Here's why.

First, they are obscure, opaque, impossible to understand as a citizen. One of the statement from the judge in the recent ruling against the city was that the public has to be more involved in the processes. The text of the proposed amendment is long, tedious and over-relying on previously established vernacular (or lingo) to make it all but impossible to understand the ramification of even the simplest changes. One could say the true meaning of the proposed changes are obfuscated from view.

In my view, that is ground enough to be against the changes: if I can't understand what they entail, how can I agree with them?

Secondly, since I can't understand for myself, I have to rely on other's interpretation. As such, I turn to CANY for their conclusion of the meaning of the amendments. CANY has proven being fair and intelligent in their assessment or city procedures. Hey, there's even a ruling to agreeing with their view. Their reading of the amendments is not favourable. Actually, it makes it look like the city is trying to get the citizen out of the process of city planning altogether. Or more simply, that they are out to get us. Not cool.

So, I am against the proposed amendments and very much so. It might not be convenient or expedient to have to include the citizens in the planning, but it is how it ought to be. To change that, to game that system, to make a mockery of it, to run circles around it... that is not how it thing should work.

Best,
Alain-Daniel

Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 2:22 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Changes to the Development Plan

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From: Denise Ferreira s.22(1) Personal and Confidential

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 2:14 PM

To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office

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Subject: Changes to the Development Plan

Mayor Gordon Campbell and City of Vancouver Council:

I am writing to vehemently oppose the proposed changes to the Downtown Official Development Plan, which will negatively impact livability in our city for all residents.

These changes will lead to more development and increased density and fewer opportunities for low-income earners to live in our city.

Please do not vote to make these changes to the current development plan.

Regards,

D. Ferreira
A Concerned Vancouverite

Sent from my iPhone

Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 2:48 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Comments concerning Proposed Amendments to the DODP

From: Ann Robson s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 2:27 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments concerning Proposed Amendments to the DODP

March 19 2015

Mayor Robertson and Councillors
City of Vancouver
453 West 12 Avenue
Vancouver BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor Robertson and Councillors,

Re: Proposed Amendments to the Downtown Official Development Plan
(including changes to the West End and DTES plans)

I am unable to attend either the March 19 Open House or the March 24 Public Hearing concerning these Proposed Amendments. However, I would like to express my significant concerns about these amendments and their potential effects.

I have two main concerns:

- 1) the proposed changes of terms/definition for housing types in the Downtown and DTES.
- 2) the removal of Public and Council input into development projects in the Downtown.

1)
The proposed amendments introduce new terms for two different types of housing.

The rationale for these changes is unclear.

Such changes would result in differences between terms used in different part of the city (e.g. outside the Downtown), blurring important distinctions in future development discussions.

Such changes could also result in different review and approval processes for different types of projects in different areas of the City.

Finally, this change in terms corresponds to a change in process that may not result in an increase in either affordable housing for the homeless and low income residents or affordable market rental housing for families.

2)
The proposed changes in approval processes include
automatic increase in height and density for developers whose projects include a minimal commitment of social housing units in the Downtown or the DTES.

proposed automatic increases in height and density that are even greater in the DTES, in exchange for building market rental units in the City's most impoverished neighborhood.

These exchanges and approval of these development plans would be the responsibility of the DPB, a small body of unelected City staff.

This approval would occur with no oversight or input from the City's elected officials (the Mayor and Council), who should have a vision for Vancouver's future that has been endorsed by the voters.

This would not only eliminate Council's important role in review and approval of many development projects that involve an increase in density.

Such a process (or absence of a process that includes public and Council input) would also leave important decisions about the future of Vancouver in the hands of unelected City officials and real estate developers. No one else's input is even required! I wonder if this is even compatible with the current City Charter.

Finally as you consider these amendments, please ask yourself these questions:

If approved, will these amendments effectively contribute to the City government's stated intention to increase the stock of affordable housing for all the City's residents, especially those with limited income or resources?

If approved, will these amendments be compatible with the Mayor's stated intention to enhance public input concerning important decisions and issues affecting the City of Vancouver?

If approved, will these amendments be consistent with the outcome of the recent BC Supreme Court ruling. This ruling did not focus on minor clarifications concerning terminology. Rather, the ruling emphasized the importance of meaningful public input and discussion of proposed development projects in our beautiful city.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these concerns.

Regards,

Ann Robson

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Kazakoff, Laura

From: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 4:38 PM
To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: opposing changes to the DODP

From: Lillah Martin s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 4:24 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
Subject: opposing changes to the DODP

Just to let you know we are very opposed to the proposed changes to the DODP.
The voice of the people who live in Vancouver must continue to be valued. We cannot let developers shape the future of our city.

Lillah, Tony and Kyle Martin

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