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To: Public Hearing
Subject: FW: Public Hearing - 1335 Howe Street

From: Sheri Buswell s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2015 9:51 PM
To: Correspondence Group, City Clerk's Office
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I will be unable to attend the Public Hearing for 1335 Howe Street on Dec 15th, however it is absolutely imperative that more than ample parking spots are included in this development plan. The city seems to be allowing less parking stalls with new developments which is extremely short sighted. Although I bike to work, I still rely on my car. As does my husband. Our unit was allocated one stall and there isn't another for purchase.

The neighbourhood is already extremely taxed for parking, and I urge the city in their attempt to be green, to still provide ample vehicle and secure bike storage for its residents.

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From: Sergio Magro s.22(1) Personal and Confidential
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Subject: Public Hearing - 1335 Howe Street

Council,

I live across the street from 1335 Howe St. My 22nd floor suite faces the existing building so I have a direct line of sight and sound to what currently exists and to what is being proposed. The decisions made by you and your staff will directly affect me and my neighbours forever.

As you know, the existing building serves as transitional housing and has been leased by the city for at least 2 years. The state of the building is deplorable. I have spoken with residents and everyone that I have spoken to hates living there. They say that the building is understaffed and poorly maintained. Since moving into my suite 20 months ago, I have been witness to the following, countless times: fights/arguments; ambulance, VPD and VFD calls; garbage thrown out of windows and allowed to accumulate on landings; garbage on the rooftop.

I am offering this background because it is important for you to understand that this housing was not disclosed to me when I purchase my unit. In my opinion, the information sessions conducted by the city and operator were a sham. The neighbourhood was not properly consulted and the resident's disapproval of the project went unheard. For 2 years (perhaps longer) we will have to deal with the negative results of poor city planning.

So here we are again with another proposal for the site. Of course the developer is asking for more density (height) that contravenes the current policy for this area. Consistently, the city has allowed developers in the area to disregard the city plan. My building (Maddox-1351 Howe St.) is in compliance with policy. Several developments under construction and proposed will be taller than the Maddox. It is also unlikely that significant view corridors will be maintained as a result.

When considering this latest proposal, please take into account the history of this site and what the neighbourhood has had to endure. Please listen to the residents and think logically and clearly about what a "livable" city really is - Is it a wall of concrete/glass and pavement or is it beautiful design, parks, children's play areas, etc. There is great potential for this area and this is why I purchased here. This is my home and I want to live here forever.

Thank you.